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AIR OPERATIONS EXTENDED 30 MILES BEYOND TOBRUK: ENEMY'S TRIBUTE TO R.A.F.

THE LATEST COMMUNIQUE ON THE OPERATIONS IN LIBYA STATE THAT WHILE PREPARATIONS FOR AN ATTACK ON TOBRUK ARE GOING ON, BRITISH MECHANISED FORCES HAVE NOW ADVANCED WEST OF THE TOWN, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT OPERATIONS BEYOND TOBRUK HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO GAZALA, 30 MILES FROM TOBRUK.

An aerodrome there has already been occupied by the British forces who found 35 unserviceable planes in the same way as they had found 40 planes at Bardia.

It is pointed out that large numbers of unserviceable Italian planes have been found in all Italian aerodromes occupied by the British and this, it is suggested, is an explanation for the weakness of the Italian air operations.

It has now been disclosed in London that the Italian Air Force did make an effort to put up a fight on Sunday before Bardia fell. The British Air Force accepted the challenge willingly and, as a result, 19 Italian planes were shot down during the day.

The British lost one fighter and one bomber.

Two Italian generals, who are now prisoners, state that no force in the world could have stood up to the British air attacks on Bardia.

The British came over, they said, as regularly as the chimes on the Bardia clock.

Other Italian war prisoners have paid similar tribute to the Royal Air Force operations.

A later message states that the R.A.F. continued intensive bombing raids in East Libya. In addition Benghazi and Tobruk were heavily raided. Many planes on the ground were damaged. This raid must have preceded the capture of Gazala.

DIRECTLY MENACED

Within four days of the fall of Bardia, Tobruk is already directly menaced and British Imperial Forces which have surrounded Tobruk have met with little opposition from the Italians and it is unlikely now that any large bodies of troops can either leave it or get in.

A correspondent in Cairo speaks of this inactivity of the defenders and states that no troop movements have been seen moving in or out of Tobruk.

British troops are reported to have advanced near the port on a perimeter of over 25 miles.

NOT OPTIMISTIC

Home Radio is not optimistic about the fate of Tobruk, it stated that the British now face Tobruk. Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

KING'S MESSAGE TO LADY BADEN-POWELL

His Majesty the King has sent the following message of condolence to Lady Baden-Powell, states a London message.

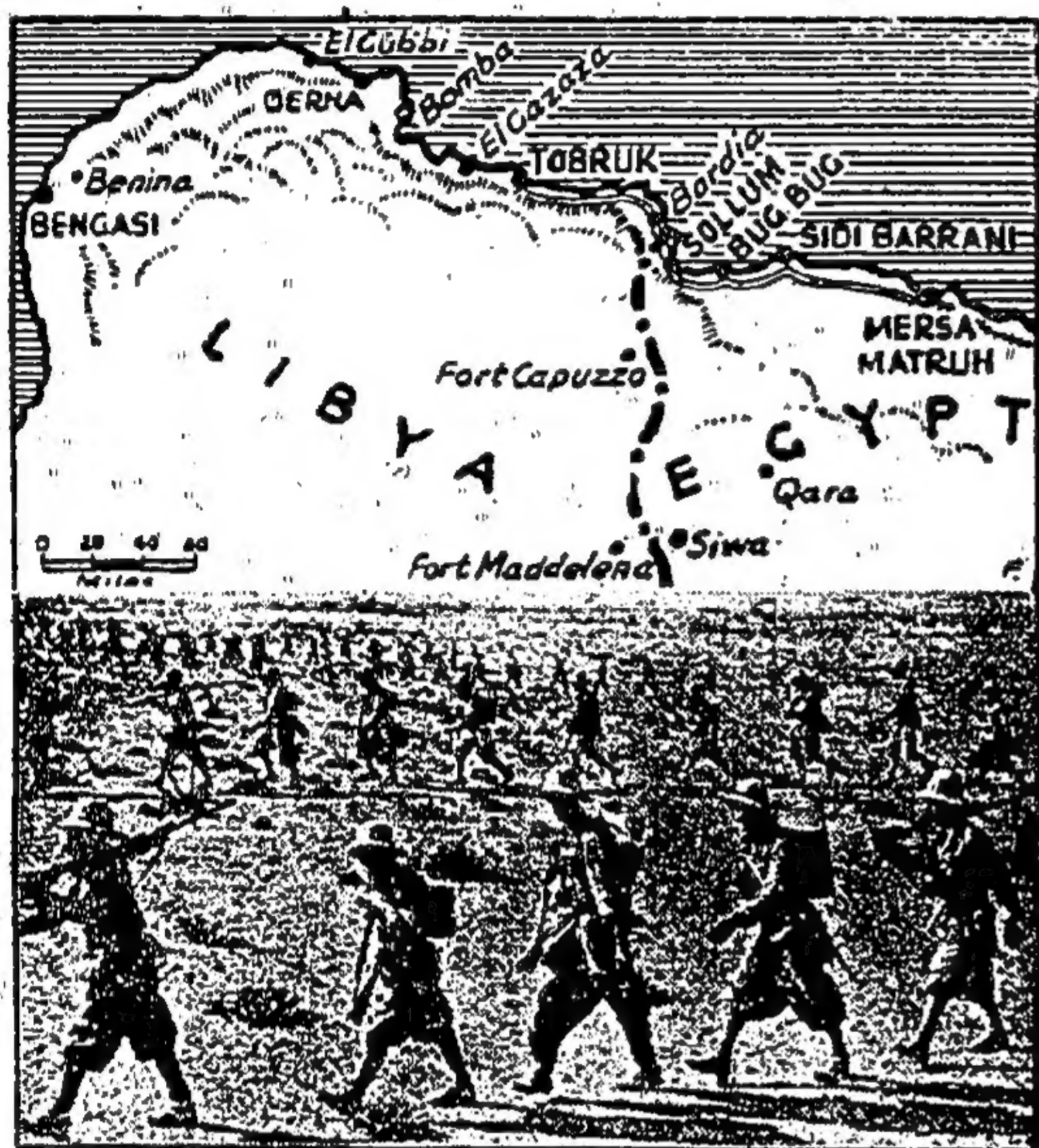
"The Queen and I are deeply grieved by the news of Lord Baden-Powell's death. As founder and the leader of the great movement, which has been of incalculable value, the Chief Scout will always be remembered with affection and gratitude. To you and your family and to all who are associated with that movement, we send our sincere sympathies in their loss."

Lord Baden-Powell was buried yesterday at 2.30 p.m. at Nyeri, Kenya, with full military honours.

HONGKONG MESSAGE

The following telegram of sympathy was sent from H.E. the Acting Governor to Lady Baden-Powell, at Nyeri, Kenya:

As Acting Chief Scout of the Colony I send you on my own behalf and on behalf of the Boy Scouts of Hongkong my sincere condolences on the great loss which you and the world alike have suffered.



Italian troops are moving faster than this in their retreat to Libya from Western Egypt, where the Army of the Nile is relentlessly continuing its advance. This picture was taken three months ago when the Italians crossed the Egyptian border on their way to Sidi Barrani. At top is a map showing towns and areas contained in cables reports of the British offensive.

AMERICA INTENT ON BUILDING GREATEST NAVY IN THE WORLD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (Reuter)—If there is one section of the United States budget which will interest more than another, it is concerning the Navy Department.

This gives clearest indications that AMERICA IS INTENT ON BUILDING THE GREATEST NAVY THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.

Last year naval expenditures were unusually high but this year's expenditures out-distance last year's by almost \$1,000,000,000.

The budget appropriates \$1,135,000,000 for new construction and machinery alone as against \$561,000,000 last year and in addition provides \$380,000,000 for armour, armament and ammunition.

NAVAL AVIATION

In the coming year, \$434,000,000 will be spent on naval aviation as against \$355,000,000 last year while a new appropriation for the maintenance of ships in service is \$205,000,000 and for ordnance \$167,000,000.

How the naval personnel is increasing is shown by relative figures for naval pay subsistence which is \$411,000,000 this year as against \$284,000,000 last year.

Expenditure on naval yards and docks in the coming year will total \$275,000,000.

SIR G. NORTHCOTE RETURNING

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Central)—Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Governor-General of Hongkong, is returning to his post, travelling via the United States. Prior to his departure, Sir Geoffrey took leave of the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Quo Tal-chi, and had a friendly talk with him.

NIGHT RAID ON NAVAL BASES IN NORTH-WEST GERMANY: MORE THAN TWENTY FIRES IN EMDEN

An Air Ministry communique announces that the R.A.F. attacked naval bases in NORTH-WEST GERMANY on Wednesday night, states a London message.

This is the ninth raid since last Monday, since when bad weather kept British bombers at home during the night, but day bombers continued to attack enemy ports on the coast.

ITALIANS WILL COLLAPSE IN THREE MONTHS

Mr. P. C. Spender, Australian War Minister, who is on his way back to Australia, after spending Christmas with the troops in Egypt, was interviewed at Karachi, states a London message.

He said: "I am convinced that the Italians will collapse in three months, provided we hit them and continue hitting them as often and as hard as possible. I do not believe that the Italians have much stomach for this fight."

British Pilot Downs 4 Of Five Enemy Machines

A communique from Cairo yesterday gives news of the exploit of a British pilot who SHOT DOWN FOUR OUT OF FIVE ENEMY MACHINES, states a London message.

The enemy planes were engaged in attempting to bomb a British warship, when a British Hurricane appeared on the scene.

The pilot said: "At 100 yards, I fired my first burst. Within half a minute, one of the planes caught fire and plunged into the sea. I turned to attack the others, still firing and saw the crew of two of them bale out as my fire was again successful."

"Another machine dived on me and I turned to return his fire and saw pieces of metal from the fourth plane fly out. It was a pity my ammunition ran out, as the fifth was a sinner."

TRAMWAY WORKERS RETURN

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (Reuter)—Workers of Shanghai tramways caused a major surprise this morning when they suddenly ended a lightning strike and returned to work, upsetting predictions that the dispute is likely to be of long duration.

The men even failed to lodge any demands with the company or give any reason for staging the strike.

Free Entry Air Training Scheme

A free entry air training scheme has been opened for the Royal Air Force, states a London message.

The scheme will be opened to youths between the ages of 16 and 18 and provides for an air training course and special educational facilities.

All classes of the community will be admitted. Schoolboys and young artisans are expected to benefit by this training.

The raids were made on WILHELMSHAVEN and EMDEN. In Wilhelmshaven, many explosions were heard and these were followed by large fires. More than 20 fires were started in the attack on Emden.

An attack was also made on the island of BORKUM, where barracks were hit and fires broke out. None of the British planes are missing.

This is the first night raid by the R.A.F. since Friday, when BREMEN was attacked on three successive nights.

The German Air Force, on the other hand, made no attack on Britain during the hours of darkness and an Air Ministry communique on the Home front yesterday morning once again had "nothing to report."

Yesterday's Italian communique states that the R.A.F. raided NAPLES and SICILY and PALERMO in Sicily on Wednesday night, states a London message.

According to the Italian statement, many buildings, including churches, and also a hospital ship are alleged to have been hit.

SEVERE COAL SHORTAGE

The spell of severe weather over the continent is playing havoc with Germany's disorganised transport, states a London message.

The R.A.F. raids on communications have led to severe coal shortages throughout the country and coal production is decreasing as trucks and waggons are damaged by bombs.

The Nazis promised to send 1,000,000 tons of coal to Italy, but since October, Germany has not found it possible to send anything like that amount as her own people are going short.

SERIOUS SITUATION BETWEEN THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA

TOKYO, JAN. 9 (REUTER)—INDICATING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION BETWEEN THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA, it was announced in a broadcast that martial law has been enforced all along the frontier since last night, says a Japanese report.

"The message adds that the Thailand High Command has announced that Thailand forces which captured Poipet advanced more than 30 kilometres within Indo-China territory."

Harassed by Thai aircraft the French troops are reported to be retreating in disorder along the Sisophon highway.

TRANSPORT BOMBED

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter)—A Thai Consulate communique states that on Jan. 6 a French transport in the Sisophon road was bombed by Thai planes. Many troops were killed and the rest dispersed. About 30 kilometres of this road in Indo-China is now in Thai possession.

It is also claimed that Thai planes bombed Pailin, damaging the telegraph and telephone stations and the barracks.

DELIVER ARMS

Another communique states that in order to preserve peace and order within Thailand, the Police Department on Jan. 6 ordered all Frenchmen, except diplomats and Consular officials and a few others, to deliver all arms and ammunition in their possession and to restrict their residence to Bangkok and Dhonburi only.

Martial law has also been proclaimed in 24 changvads (provinces) in Indo-China.

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Today's News Summary

BRITISH AIR OPERATIONS HAVE EXTENDED thirty miles beyond Tobruk according to the latest information on the fighting in Libya. Italian prisoners of war, among them two generals, have paid tribute to the R.A.F. and stated that no force in the world could have stood up to the air attacks on Bardia.

SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER, Mr. Winston Churchill, who also inspected the first American squadron of the Home Guard, expounded the importance of Anglo-American unity at the present crucial world phase.

THE MISSION OF MR. HARRY HOPKINS TO BRITAIN as President Roosevelt's personal representative, provides yet further evidence of the keenness of American interest in the issues at stake.

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, THE ROYAL AIR FORCE carried out the first important raid on Germany since last Friday while Britain was free from air raids for the third night in succession since the abortive attempt on Sunday to repeat the great fire of London of a week before.

THE GREEKS HAVE CAPTURED MORE THAN 200 ITALIAN prisoners in the latest operations on the Albanian front. The Italians made an abortive attempt to use ski troops behind the Greek lines in recent fighting in the northern sector.



MR. CHURCHILL

Paramount Importance Of Anglo-American Unity

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter)—The paramount importance of Anglo-American unity at the present crucial world phase was expounded by Mr. Winston Churchill, the British Premier, in an address to "The Pilgrims" (a well-known American London society for the promotion of Anglo-American friendship).

MINISTERS PRESENT

The importance of the occasion was symbolised by the presence of almost the entire British Cabinet.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the future of the whole world and hopes of broadening civilisation, founded upon Christian ethics, depend upon the relations between the British Empire of the Commonwealth of Nations and the United States," said the Prime Minister.

"The identity of purpose and persistence of resolve prevailing throughout the English-speaking world, will more than any other single fact determine the war of life, which will be opened to generations and perhaps centuries which follow."

PRESERVE ITS LIFE

"If the co-operation of the United States and British Empire in the task of extirpating the spirit and regime of totalitarian intolerance were to fail, the British Empire, rugged and embattled, might indeed new its way through and preserve its life and strength for an inevitable renewal of conflict on worse grounds after an armistice, but the chance of setting mankind clearly and surely along the highroads of human progress would never return."

"We stand upon the watchtowers of history and have been offered a glorious opportunity of making supreme sacrifices and exertions for the cause which it may not be irreverent to call sublime."



The "Bookie" does good business at the Middlesex Regiment's Mule Race Meeting held recently at Kwantli.

BOMBER FUND BOWLS

Volunteer Sgts. To Meet K.B.G.C.

The H.K.V.D.C. Sgts. Mess will entertain the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a friendly bowls match on the latter's green on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 2.45 p.m.

It has been suggested that the losing team pay a dollar a point to the S.C.M.P. Bomber Fund and this idea will be carried out if there are no objectors.

The following are the respective links:—

H.K.V.D.C. — S.Q.M.S. Tribble, Sgt. Skinner, B.S.M. Walker, C.Q.M.S. Silva (skip); C.S.M. Edwards, Sgt. Logan, C.A.S.M. Jack, Sgt. Pakusen (skip); C.Q.M.S. Leigh, Sgt. Jack, Sgt. Stevens, Sgt. Sherriff (skip); B.S.M. Rose, Sgt. Geall, Sgt. Remedios, Sgt. Meyer (skip); Sgt. Bagley, Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Lockhart, Sgt. Stainon (skip).
K.B.G.C. — A. Merton, S. C. Walker, W. Crooks, A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Deacon, W. H. Orkan, C. E. Turpin, D. W. Waterton (skip); H. J. Bicknell, C. E. Langley, C. Wallis, R. Duncan (skip); J. S. Dinnen, P. Peckham, E. V. Searle, A. M. Holland (skip); E. Seard, A. J. Rogers, E. A. Atkins, A. Hyde-Lay (skip).

NAVY RUGBY XV

The following have been selected to represent the Royal Navy against the H.K.V.D.C. on Saturday, Jan. 11, on the Police ground, Boundary St. kick-off at 3 p.m. and against the Police in the Quadrangular Tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 15, on the Navy ground, kick-off at 3.50 p.m.

Lt. Morahan; S/Lt. McGill; Tel. "Tonywill"; A. Ldg. Tel. Paul, A. Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Lt. Carter (Capt), Lt. Rutherford; S/Lt. Winter, Lt. Watson, Sergeant Mansfield, C. P. O. Wtr. King, L. A. C. Stockham, A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Eager, S/Lt. Poole.
Reserves: S/Lt. Kennedy, Cdt. Lambie, L. S. A. Palmer, S/Lt. Carey, P. O. Wilson.

H.K.C.C. TO MEET ROYAL SCOTS

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI against the Royal Scots at H.K.C.C. tomorrow at 2 p.m.:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt), C. W. E. Bishop, Pay Lt. J. C. Brown, G. J. P. Carey, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt. Com. W. G. Finnie, J. L. Tisley, R. M. M. King, E. W. Pudney, J. E. Richardson, D. S. Robb.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Jan. 8:—Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, two cases; Dysentery, three cases; Tuberculosis, 30 cases.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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Entries for the above will close at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1941, at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 6th January, 1941.

MISSIONS TO THE NON-CHRISTIAN WORLD

DISCOURSE BY REV. J. E. SANDBACH

The Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Minister of the English Methodist Church, was the speaker at the fourth of the series of services, held in connexion with the Universal Week of Prayer at St. John's Cathedral, yesterday evening.

Taking as his subject, "Missions to the non-Christian World," Mr. Sandbach said that there were many who did not believe in the necessity of missions, holding that there was enough to be done at home.

That was true, said the speaker; but it was also true in the days of our Lord when He sent out His disciples into the world to teach all and to baptise them that believed.

How much we owed to the early missions, said Mr. Sandbach, it was impossible to say. But we did know that it was due to their belief in missions that we were here today.

THRILLING STORY

The most thrilling story of the mission was enterprise and belief. They believed that the Christ which they knew was for all men and that He opened the Kingdom of Heaven to the whole world. They dared to believe that what was true for them must be true for other people, and that Jesus' message was also for outsiders.

"If we are prepared to believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ, we must also be prepared to believe that His Gospel is for all people."

The greatest text of the Church, went on Mr. Sandbach, was and is "Believe, love, and obey." "In real Christianity, one did not love God because one obeyed Him but obeyed Him because one loved Him. It was because of the love and belief in God that Christians wanted to bring into His Church all the people of the world."

THE HYMNS

During the service, which was well attended, Hymns 624 (Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him), 300 (God is working His purpose out), and 658 (The Lord will come and not be slow) were sung. Holy Communion was celebrated at the close of the service.



The Officers' Race at the Middlesex Regiment's Mule Races held recently at Kwantli.

CHINESE ASSOCIATION'S NEW BUILDING OPENED

"With such a united strength as that possessed by the Association, I dare say that there is no endeavour of the Association that cannot be achieved, and the success in building the present premises only marks the beginning of many future greater achievements," declared Mr. Kao Ling-pai, Chinese Consul-General, speaking at the official opening of the new building of the Chinese Association in Serangoon Road in Singapore.

A large gathering was present at the function, including Mrs. Kao, Mr. G. H. Kiat, President of the Association, Mr. V. Pakirisamy, President of the Indian Association, Capt. and Mrs. N. M. Hashim, and Dr. and Mrs. Lim Boon Keng.

A tea party followed the opening of the Clubhouse, built on a four-acre piece of land leased to the Association by Government, while later at night a dinner was held.

"I am sure that the members of the Association are not so proud of the new building itself as they are of their united efforts without which it would have been impossible to build this new premises which the Association will now proudly call its own," stated Mr. Kao.

APPEAL TO CHINESE

"It is my conviction that before long the Association will have still larger premises, and it is my ardent wish that in time to come all the Chinese in Singapore, in appreciation of the good work of this Association for the welfare of the Chinese community, will become members of the Chinese Association."

"Like this Association, China is also united, so united as she was never united before."

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- 9 Energy
- 12 Grape
- 13 Olein
- 14 Wood sorrel
- 15 Manage improperly
- 18 Exclamation of despair
- 19 Turn to the right
- 20 Lowest point
- 22 Pertaining to a chamber
- 23 Death notice
- 27 Resin
- 28 Japanese measure
- 29 Number
- 30 Ruby spinel
- 31 Sheltered side
- 32 Hebrew name for God
- 33 Strength
- 34 Dregs
- 35 Rescue
- 37 Carries
- 38 Winged part
- 39 Snare
- 40 One who accepts Scriptural account of creation
- 46 Hall
- 47 Alto
- 48 Born

DOWN

- 1 Totai
- 2 Yellow bugle
- 3 Distracted
- 4 Tree
- 5 Charity
- 6 Monkey
- 7 Metal
- 8 Puzzles
- 9 One who casts a ballot
- 10 Frozen water
- 11 Deface
- 16 Dismounted
- 17 Blind
- 20 Observed
- 21 Poplar
- 22 F's
- 23 Three-headed armadillo
- 24 Mohammedan noble
- 25 Loan deposit
- 27 Inclosure
- 30 Mollusc
- 31 Jumping
- 33 Base
- 34 Thin
- 36 Vessel for washing
- 37 Wide
- 39 Piece of baked clay
- 40 Short-napped fabric
- 41 Night before a holiday
- 42 Melody
- 43 Craggy hill
- 44 Body of water
- 45 Spread for drying

SOLUTION TOMORROW

N.E.I. HELP FOR NATIVE GROWERS

While Java and Malaya are enjoying unprecedented prosperity as a result of the war with its high prices and top demand for rubber, tin and sugar, Macassar and the whole island of Celebes is suffering a depression due to the fact that their main products, copra and high-grade bamboo, are glutting the market as a result of the cutting off of almost the whole European demand, writes Hollett Abend in the Manila Bulletin.

OUTPUT BOUGHT

Foreign coconut growers are being left to cope with their own problems, but the Netherlands East Indies government in order to prevent real suffering among the natives is at present buying their entire output of copra, storing it against future sales.

Macassar's warehouses are stored roof-high with copra, while on the docks stacks of the same commodity are sheltered from the tropical rains by canvas matting.

United States copra demands are largely filled from Manila and other areas where the freightage is cheaper. Only occasionally do a few thousand tons of copra from Macassar find their way to the American west coast.

DEFENCE OF JAVA

While the defence of Java is at present the Netherlands East Indies government's main concern, Macassar's safety is causing increasing preparedness measures.

All approaches to the harbour have been heavily mined and anti-aircraft defenses are gradually being strengthened. An ever larger proportion of N.E.I. scouting and fighting planes are centering there as new planes continue to arrive from American factories.



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CONFIDENCE OF BRITISH UPHELD BY RECENT VICTORIES

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The recent great victories by land, sea and air justify our proceedings with confidence and with the resolute will to conquer, writes General Sir Hubert Gough, Reuter's Military Commentator.

Though the strategic field stretches across Europe and into the East, the theater of immediate operations still lies in the Mediterranean, where the scepter of the two belligerent powers is already tottering.

The problem there is to complete the defeat of Mussolini and his Fascists with the least possible delay.

HITLER'S LINE

The allied Greek and British forces must not be too leisurely in dealing with the Italians, for the delay might give them time not only to rally morally, but by spring Hitler will most certainly be forced to act, and his one possible line of action will be to advance southward through Yugoslavia and perhaps through Bulgaria on to Greece and to the shores of the Mediterranean.

It will be of the greatest military importance to Britain and Greece to have disposed of the Italian forces before Hitler can move in the Balkans.

NOT RELAXING PRESSURE

From all that can be deduced from the Greek operations in Albania, it appears that they are not relaxing their pressure in any way despite the barrier of mountains, deep snow and difficult communications. Their capture of Himara is of great importance, and seems to point to their broad strategic plan being to push forward their left wing along the coast and first seize Valona. This move has several advantages and offers prospects of decisive results to follow.

From Valona northward along the coast, the Greek offensive on Durazzo will meet with far fewer and less difficult obstacles than they must conquer if their advance is limited to the mountainous roads between Pogradec and Mbesan.

GREEK ADVANCE

The superior mechanized power of the Italians should not be a barrier to such a strategic plan; one must not forget that it is quite a question as to whether the Italians are now superior in armoured units to the Greeks, when the losses in material which they have already suffered are taken into account. Also, by now, the Greeks have had considerable experience in dealing with the Italian forces and they should be able to continue to do so in ground which is not nearly so favourable for the latter.

The threat of a Greek advance on Durazzo will greatly weaken the line of defence of their northern sector, when the Italians realize that their main line is in danger.

ALBANIAN CAN HELP

Once the Greeks have established their line at Durazzo and on Lake Ohrid, very little of Albania would be left for the Italians, who would then be in no position to resume the offensive. Their destruction might then be safely left to the Albanians, who should be armed and organized to operate as quickly as possible as

guerrillas on every road and against every Italian detachment which halts. This rising of an indignant population against their oppressors is of high value, but it should be remembered, that, like everything else, the waging of war requires a high degree of organization. We should now build up and organize this weapon, not only in Albania, but also among the Arab troops in Libya who have been driven from their homes by Marshal Graziani to starve in the desert.

CHURCHILL'S WORDS

Churchill said we must tear Mussolini's empire from him and then, if necessary, get to closer grips with him.

The Greeks are tearing Albania from his hands in the face of tremendous difficulties. We have begun right well to tear Libya from him. We must not stop now. There are undoubtedly good reasons for the delay in the capture of Bardia, but that is not likely to be the limit of our advance. Bardia can be invested and left to starvation and heavy pounding to decide the date of its surrender, or it can be taken by assault. The time factor is the deciding one here, and on that point General Wavell is the only man in a position to decide.

FACTS SERIOUS FOR ITALIANS

There seems to be no reason for not expecting Tobruk to fall shortly. It is doubtful if Graziani could bring forward sufficient forces from western Libya along that one almost waterless road of 700 miles to defend Tobruk for any length of time against us. We can move, and indeed, we may be doing so already, against Tobruk from the south, as well as coming up from Sive and Giarabub.

The capture of Bardia will provide Wavell with a fresh base on the sea. The fall of Tobruk and Derna will give him other bases to support and prepare for the next step forward, at Ben Ghazi.

The command of the sea here as elsewhere, will facilitate our operations for turning the Italians out of Libya. At the same time, it adds enormously to the difficulties facing Marshal Graziani.

CLOSER GRIPS

Then comes the question which Churchill describes as getting to closer grips with Italy. With Albania and Libya in our and Greek hands, the invasion of Italy itself becomes a possibility. Bari and Brindisi are less than 100 miles across the Adriatic, and Garibaldi invaded and took Sicily with 1,000 men.

These facts are of serious portent for the Italians, though they are still determined to follow the man who has already led them, not only to such ruin but to such dishonour.

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KWANGSI REFUGEES

With the appropriation of \$50,000 (National currency) by the National Relief Association through Mr. Tu Yueh-sheng, Commissioner of the 9th Relief Area, the second batch of Kwangsi refugees stranded in Hongkong will be enabled to start journey for their home province shortly.
In view of the frequent bombing,

operations conducted by the Japanese aircraft over the East River region, it is stated, the refugees will avoid the district and will travel to Kwangtung via Kwangchowwan. The necessary procedure to ensure safe and unembarrassed passage through that port and Kwangtung province is being considered by the Hongkong Office of the Kwangsi Provincial Relief Association.
The first batch of the repatriated Kwangsi refugees from Hongkong has already reached Kweilin

COMING EVENTS

JAN.
10—Tides: High 8.23 a.m. and 6.59 p.m. Low 1.53 a.m. and 12.22 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.37 p.m.
H.K. Reel Club, Annual Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Mixed Swimming, 3-4 p.m.; A.D.C. to present "Twelfth Night"; H.E. the Acting Governor will attend.
Cheero Club, Darts and Table Tennis.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
His Excellency lunches at 1 p.m. with the Manager and Senior members of the Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., and afterwards inspects the dockyard.
Lecture at Fung Ping Shan Library by Prof. Tsechen Yin-koh on "Wu Tse-tien (Empress Wu) and Buddhism", 5.30 p.m.
Dance for Seafarers, at Sailors Home and Missions to Seamen, 9 p.m.
Universal Week of Prayer, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, D.O. South, 11 a.m.
H.K. Schools Musical Assn. Concert, St. Joseph's College, 5.30 p.m.
Volunteer Nursing Detachment, First Aid Lecture, 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.
Christ Church Fellowship Annual Meeting, 7.30 p.m.
11—Tides: High 9.07 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Low 2.27 a.m. and 1.08 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.37 p.m.
Entries close for Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. to present "Twelfth Night", 9.15 p.m.
Cottage Club, Paper Hunt, Fanling Village, 4 p.m.
Northumberland and Durham Assn., Intra-Association Lawn Bowls, Kowloon Dock R.C., 2.30 p.m.
Universal Week of Prayer, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.
Wah Yan Past Students' "At Home", University Union Assembly Room, 3 p.m.
12—Tides: High 9.39 a.m. and 8.17 p.m. Low 3.06 a.m. and 1.52 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.38 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
Combined Service at English Methodist Church, 8.30 p.m.
Softball League.
13—Tides: High 10.11 a.m. and 8.57 p.m. Low 3.41 a.m. and 2.29 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.39 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
14—Tides: High 10.44 a.m. and 9.39 p.m. Low 3.47 a.m. and 3.12 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.39 p.m.
Claims against estate of Roger Edward Lindsay due.
H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
15—Tides: High 11.20 a.m. and 10.22 p.m. Low 4.56 a.m. and 3.54 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Chinese Estates, Ltd., Fourth Interim Dividend Payable.
16—Tides: High 11.55 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Low 5.32 a.m. and 4.37 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 6.01 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
Auxiliary Nursing Service: Lectures on Home Nursing commence at Kowloon Hospital, 5.30 p.m.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra with Keith Falkner (Bartitone).

Intermezzo Pizzicato (Borch): Crocus Time—Serenade for Strings (de 'la Riviere)—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. Wings (film 'Mayfair Melody'); A Song Doesn't Care (film 'Mayfair Melody')—Keith Falkner (Bartitone) with Orchestra. The Merry Wives (Brooke)—Xylophone Duet by W. W. Bennett and Ernest Slaney acc. by the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. Without the Moon (film 'Mayfair Melody'); San Diego Betty (film 'Mayfair Melody')—Keith Falkner (Bartitone) with Orch. and Chorus. The Merry Brothers (Gennin); Echoes of the Valley (Gennin)—Sir Dan Godfrey cond. The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety.

Accordions—This Year's Roses (Nichols & Others); Sing A Round-Up Song (Pelosi & Others)—London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. Vocal—Imagination (Burke and van Heusen); Say It (film 'Buck Benny Rides Again')—Dinah Shore with Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Oh! What a Lovely Dream (film 'Music in My Heart'); Punchinello (film 'Music in My Heart')—Abe Lyman and His Californians with Vocal. Vocal—Sweet Home O'Neil; Memories of An Old Cow Hand—The Hill Billies with own Novelty Accom. Organ—Fixation—Intro: There's a New Comin' Home on Leave: In an Old Dutch Garden; Oh! Johnny—Reginald Dixon.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dellus—Sonata No. 2.

Con moto—Lento—Molto vivace—Lionel Tertis (Viola) and George Reeves (Piano).

2.00 Songs by Miliza Korjus (Soprano) and Dennis Noble (Bartitone). Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 2; O' Night! O Dreams! (Chopin, arr. Seidler-Winkler); Nocturne, Op. 37, No. 1; Ah, let me weep (Chopin, arr. Seidler-Winkler)—Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra. She Shall Have Music (Brandon and Murray); Just Me An' Mary (Par and Murray)—Dennis Noble (Bartitone) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local 'Stock' Quotations.

6.32 Concert by Mischa Levitski (Piano) and Yehudi Menuhin (Violin).

La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy).

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 4.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

do. 8.15 p.m.

do. 12.00 mid-night

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Short-Lived Love Drama

made no objections to Lydia's return to her sister, but followed them to Manila, and met them at the Oriental Cabaret the night before the shooting.

Quejada pleaded with Lydia to come back and live with him again, but Mercedes once more intervened and told him to stop bothering her sister as he was a married man. Apparently sensing the futility of his pleadings, Quejada pulled out his .38 caliber pistol and fired. He shot first at Mercedes, hitting her in the abdomen. Lydia ran to help her, but a second shot stopped her and she too fell fatally wounded.

SHOT IN THE BACK

Javier, who was talking with the sisters' guardian, Felino Jullano, ran out a back door but Quejada followed and shot him in the back. Jullano escaped unhurt.

Jullano returned to the house with a policeman. Jullano quoted Quejada as telling Lydia he would have his marriage annulled if she would live with him again. The lovers were in the midst of an anecdote when Mercedes told Quejada to go away and leave Lydia alone.

Quejada was married with Amelia Canseco, of 1325 Anacleto. The couple has been living separately for the last four years. It was learned, Amelia promised to help the police look for her estranged husband.

Charges of double murder and frustrated murder was filed against Quejada.

DOUBLE MURDER CHARGE AGAINST CRAZED SUITOR

A short-lived love drama had a tragic sequel early in the Philippines recently when a love-crazed suitor, apparently driven to desperation by his failure to get back his beloved, is alleged to have resorted to gunplay, killing the girl and her elder sister and seriously wounding a neighbour.

TWO SISTERS

The two sisters, Mercedes Carreon, 30, and Lydia, 17, were shot and killed in their home at 1525 Oroquieta, while the neighbour, Vicente Javier, 20, fell critically wounded in an alley when he tried to get away.

The gun-wielder, Felix Quejada, 24, of Sariaya, Tayabas, escaped after the shooting and was still at large late last night.

The shooting took place about 4.30 a.m. shortly after the sisters returned home from the Oriental Cabaret in Maypajo, Calocan, where they were dancing for a living. They were known to have met Quejada in the place but unknown to them he had followed them home.

AFFAIR RECENT

Lydia, police learned, had eloped with Quejada, to Sariaya, where they lived together for two months. She was brought back to Manila by her sister Mercedes, who represented the love affair because Quejada was married. Quejada

SURE CURE FOR THE BLUES!

"The Doctor Takes A Wife"

Infectious laughter is the delightful product of the contagious comedy to be found in Columbia's "The Doctor Takes A Wife," hectic hilarious, happy new hit at the Majestic Theatre tomorrow. With Loretta Young appearing in her first all-comedy role—and appearing to greater advantage than ever before!—with Ray Milland as her caashing co-star, and a splendid supporting cast which includes Reginald Gardiner, Gail Patrick, Edmund Gwenn and Georges Metaxa, "The Doctor Takes A Wife" is a sure cure for the blues!

Gardiner is seen as Miss Young's publisher and would-be husband who, to protect his lovely author's name and reputation, forces her to "marry" a reluctant Milland. He then sits around and does his best to smash the "marriage" because he wants to marry the girl himself.

Gail Patrick is Milland's fiancée, and she provides additional complications, while Edmund Gwenn, as Milland's decorous father, earnestly believes his son is married, and happily, and wanders about with a "bless you, my children" attitude which materially enhances the hilarity of the comedy.

Adri Frank Scully and Gordon Jones to the cast, as a pair of slap-happy football players, who idolize the doctor and his wife, and you have a germ of the general idea which makes "The Doctor Takes A Wife" one of Columbia's most enjoyable comedies.

ITALIAN AIR STRENGTH CUT IN HALF: BRILLIANT WORK OF R.A.F. IN WESTERN DESERT

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Italy's Empire Air Force has suffered as damaging a blow as Italy's land army, partly because it has been brilliantly out-manoeuvred by the R.A.F. and partly because of the brilliant staff work of the British Navy, Army and Air Force, writes Reuter's Air correspondent.

Undoubtedly the Italian Air Force is being reinforced and re-fitted across the Mediterranean at the cost of big hazards but the history of its participation in the desert air war is one of growing failure.

AMY JOHNSON CRASH MYSTERY

LOST BEARINGS IN BAD WEATHER?

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Mystery still surrounds the death of Amy Johnson, the famous British aviator, who was drowned after falling out of the plane which crashed in the Thames Estuary on Sunday.

It has now been established, states the Ministry of Aircraft Production, that when Miss Johnson left the airfield on Sunday morning, no passenger accompanied her. The weather report given her was bad and her parting words were "All right, I am going to the top."

This indicated that she proposed to fly over the bad weather with clouds below her.

Nothing more was seen of Miss Johnson's plane until it came down over the Thames Estuary. The machine carried sufficient petrol for a 44 hours' flight—the exact time between the take-off and the crash.

Her scheduled flight should have taken one hour.

ONE PARACHUTE

Only one parachute was observed to leave the plane before it hit the water.

It is believed that Miss Johnson lost her course in the bad weather. After flying round for several hours, her petrol became exhausted and she finally baled out over the Thames Estuary, possibly hoping to alight as near as possible to one of the vessels in the naval convoy.

Thai Planes Bomb Bases At Banapil

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—A Thai Consulate communiqué states that as further reprisal for the bombing of Khemmarat, Udorn and Nong Sapang, Thai planes bombed the military bases at Banapil, Samrong and Chongkal.

On Jan. 5 French artillery and machine-guns at Suvannakhet fired on Amphur and Mukdahan and Thai forces replied and the duel continued throughout the day.

HEAVY FIRE

The following day the French opened heavy fire on Aranya, in the Prades sector, and Thailand replied and attacked and captured three guns. The French were pursued between Aranya and Sisophon the operation being assisted by 30 Thai planes.

The communiqué also claims that the French suffered heavily in their retreat.

SPITFIRE FUND FOR FREE FRENCH FORCES

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The Spitfire Fund for the Free French Forces in Britain has been opened with £500.

This sum was handed to General De Gaulle by the Association of Free Frenchmen in Britain. The first Spitfire to be purchased from the funds will be named GENERAL DE GAULLE.

SPANISH ENVOY TO ROME RECALLED

ROME, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The Spanish Ambassador to Italy, Señor García Condey Mendez, has been recalled and told to hold himself at the disposal of the Foreign Office says a Madrid dispatch to the Stefani Agency.

He became Ambassador to Italy in July, 1937, shortly after the Italian Ambassador had been accredited to General Franco's Government.

Three-Fleet Navy For United States

NEW ADDITIONS ARE CONTEMPLATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Far-reaching reorganization of the Navy which in future will be divided into three Fleets, namely, the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Asiatic, was announced by Col. Frank Knox, Secretary for Navy yesterday.

Colonel Knox further announced that Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel is replacing Admiral James Richardson as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, and that he will also become Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleets. Admiral Richardson will report to the Secretary of the Navy for duties at present undisclosed.

The present Atlantic patrol force, Colonel Knox said, now includes about 125 ships and the principal change in that respect was a change of name.

AUXILIARY VESSELS

The Navy Department, he disclosed, intends to ask Congress for authority to build 280 auxiliary vessels such as submarine chasers, minesweepers and patrol boats.

Colonel Knox declared that it was not intended to increase the Asiatic Fleet's strength at present.

The Navy planned to hold the usual fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific this spring but this arrangement might be changed without notice.

The increase of 42,000 in personnel raises the Navy's manpower to 232,000 including the reserves on active duty.

FIRE BANS DISPLAY OF SIGNPOSTS

DUBLIN, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—A ban against the display of signposts comes into force in Eire on Feb. 1. This is in effect an emergency Government order which makes it an offence to display anywhere outside the urban areas, a sign which furnishes an indication to the name, situation, direction or distance to any place.

The order also prohibits the display within the urban areas of signs indicating the direction or distance to any place.

A sign is deemed "displayed" if it can be seen from the highway, train or lowflying aircraft.

ANGLO-PORTUGUESE UNITY REITERATED

BRITISH ENVOY PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

LISBON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Renewed assurances of the friendship uniting Britain and Portugal were expressed yesterday when Sir Ronald Campbell, the new British Ambassador to Portugal, presented his credentials to President Carmona.

Sir Ronald Campbell referred to "two countries which by tradition, independent spirit, and the extent and strength of their colonial empires have many characteristics and interests in common."

President Carmona expressed the wish that friendship between the two countries might become even more fruitful and conveyed to the King sincere wishes for his personal happiness and the prosperity of his empire.

Sir Ronald Campbell said that Britain would continue to follow with sympathy the destiny of the Portuguese people. This sympathy would be greater in that events which had been rending Europe for the past eighteen months had in no way disturbed the friendship sealed with the time-honoured alliance binding the two countries and to which His Majesty remained wholly faithful.

PRES. CARMONA'S REPLY President Carmona expressed appreciation that the Ambassador had recalled the traditional friendship and common interest existing between the two countries.

The visit which the Duke of Kent paid to Portugal at the time of the centenary celebrations was striking evidence of British sympathy with the Portuguese.

The Ambassador's tribute to the spirit of the Portuguese people

RAIDER DESTROYED OFF SUSSEX

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters shot down an enemy bomber off the Sussex coast at Angmering yesterday.

The bomber was one of a "few" which singly attempted daylight raids in widely scattered areas of England.

Bombs were dropped on a town in East Anglia but the number of casualties was small and the damage slight.

ULSTER'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS CONSCRIPTION, EIRE PORTS

BELFAST, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Ulster's attitude towards the question of conscription and Eire ports were the subject of a statement issued today by Mr. J. M. Andrews who recently succeeded the late Lord Craigavon as Prime Minister of Northern Ireland.

THE STATEMENT, HE SAID, WAS INTENDED TO REMOVE SOME MISCONCEPTIONS REGARDING ULSTER'S PART IN THE EMPIRE'S WAR EFFORT.

Mr. Andrews made it clear that the non-inclusion of Ulster in the system of compulsory military service was due to the decision of the United Kingdom Government, despite the strong representations made to the British Cabinet that Northern Ireland should be included in the conscription scheme. Ulstermen, he added, were serving in large numbers as volunteers in all the British fighting forces.

MISUNDERSTOOD Referring to ports handed over to the Eire Government in 1938, Mr. Andrews said he had been told that Ulster's attitude in this matter was misunderstood in the United States and in other countries overseas.

"The position is as follows, The Northern Ireland Government was not a party to the transfer of ports. The arrangement was made solely between the United Kingdom and the Government of Eire.

"At the time of the transfer, I pointed out that the agreement was handed over without any guarantees, whatever of defences that were vital to the safety of the United Kingdom."

Mr. Andrews then recalled, Mr. Winston Churchill's vigorous condemnation of the handing over of the ports.

AMERICA'S POLITICAL PARTIES

Election Has Left Them Just About Where They Were When Campaign Started

Except for a few shifts in voting strength in Congress and in State Legislatures, and a slight reshuffling of Governorships, the election left America's political parties just about where they were when the 1940 campaigns started.

Broadly speaking, the Democrats are stronger and the Republicans are weaker with respect to the officeholding strength of the parties. In the minds of some observers, however, a serious question has arisen as to whether the election may not have jeopardized the two-party system in the United States. The consensus seems to be that this question will be answered by the conduct of the party leadership during the next four years.

As far as the Democratic party is concerned, if there are any croakers they are of the type that would complain about Utopia. Local leaders and partisans may be disgruntled over regional defeats but the critic, who would paint the picture painted by the master artist on election day would be captious indeed.

On the tangible side, which is what the boys in the precinct call important, the Democrats have more votes in the House of Representatives than they had before and have lost no essential strength in the Senate. Generally speaking, losses in one region have been offset by gains in another so that the party, from a numerical standpoint, is as well or better off than it was before.

INTANGIBLES RAISE QUESTIONS

On the intangible side, it is hard to measure the gains of the Democrats in this election. For one thing, it is the first time in a century that the party has been successful three times in a row in electing its candidate. Moreover, it has elected the first third-term President in history.

On their face, these things might be expected to give the Democratic party prestige that would become a tremendous asset but events of the next four years might turn them into a liability. If they enhance prestige, they also will entail responsibility.

The severest blow suffered by the Republicans was, of course, their failure to regain the White House. Next to this came the losses the party suffered in the House. The Republicans had pinned their hopes upon regaining the control of the House which they lost a decade ago and thus re-establishing themselves as a dominant factor in the legislative situation. A few gains in the Senate and an added Governorship cannot assuage Republican disappointment over failure to gain this vital objective.

The showing which the Republicans made in their fight for control of the House may have an important bearing upon the future of the party. The campaign for the election of Representatives was almost entirely in the hands of what in another day would have been called the "Old Guard" of the party.

That is, it was conducted by the professional politicians in Congress, and in the State organizations. On the other hand, the campaign of Mr. Willkie for the

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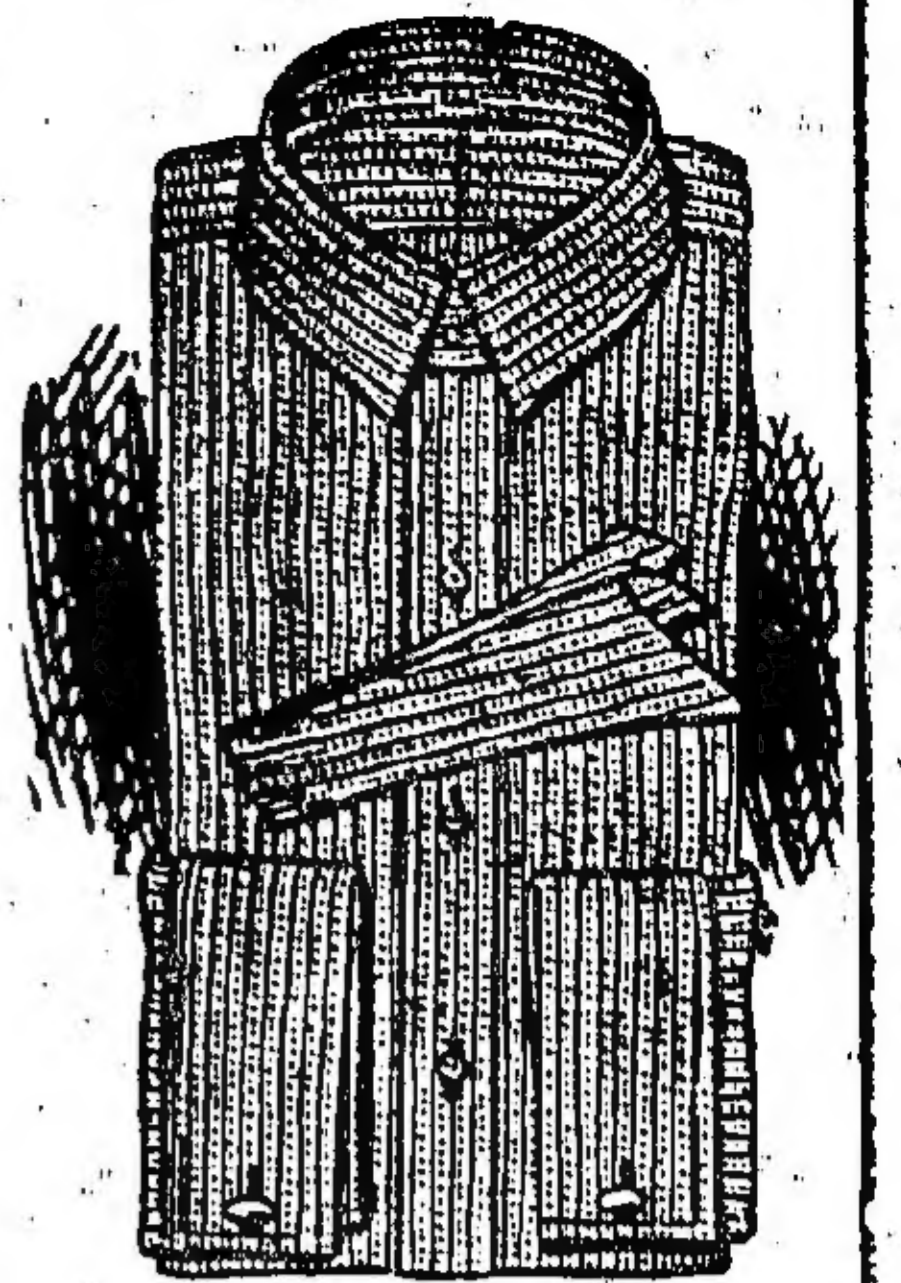
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SAPPER GIVES EVIDENCE AT TRIAL OF OFFICER

Tells Of Drivers' Meeting Called In September

SAPPER T. KUENSTER, of the 22nd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers, gave evidence at Scandal Point Hall yesterday when Court Martial proceedings were continued against CAPTAIN H. L. REEVES, R.E., who is facing 22 charges relating to certain deficiencies in the fuel and lubrication oil accounts of the 22nd Fortress Company, R.E.

The Court comprised Brigadier T. McLeod, R.A. (President), Lt.-Col. D. J. McDougall, Lt.-Col. S. Shaw, Major T. W. Boyce, and Capt. (Temporary Major) A. R. Colquhoun. Mr. D. H. Blake was Judge Advocate.

2/Lt. K. E. Allanson, R.A., is prosecuting officer, and 2/Lt. H. S. Badger, Middlesex Regiment, defended accused.

Sapper Kuenster stated, in evidence, that he took over the fuel store in September. Before taking over he made a rough check of stock with the ledger figures and found that several quantities did not tally, mainly the petrol paraffin and two grades of lubrication oil. He estimated that there were about 200 gallons of petrol short.

He reported to S/Sgt. Brannon that he could not take over, and asked the Sergeant to inform Capt. Reeves of this. Later, he was told by Capt. Reeves he would be held responsible only for the actual stock in the store.

PREPARE VOUCHERS

"A few days later Capt. Reeves called me to his office and said that certain quantities of fuel had been issued without signatures being obtained and gave me certain figures of the quantities involved and asked me to prepare the necessary issue vouchers for them," witness stated. "He said that these issues should be spread out over August and September. This applied to the petrol as well."

"I was told also to make out vouchers for the stationary running of the Guy lorries which would be available on the subsequent Fridays," witness continued. "I understood these to be paper transactions. No petrol was actually issued. The issued vouchers were prepared by me on the instructions of Captain Reeves on Sept. 12, 13, 20 and 27. They were signed by the actual drivers of the lorries concerned in my presence but no petrol was issued against these vouchers."

"Toward the end of September a meeting of drivers was called in

the M.T. Office in connexion with certain deficiencies in lubrication oils. Captain Reeves was present. Captain Reeves informed the drivers that quantities of oil had been drawn by drivers who had not signed receipts for the issues and certain issue vouchers were shown to them and they were asked to sign them.

SLIGHT SURPLUS

2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson, of the Royal Scots, gave evidence that he ran the fuel and lubrication accounts of the 22nd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers, for seven or eight months from the middle of 1939 to the end of March, 1940, when he handed over to Captain Reeves. When he handed over the petrol and kerosene figures were correct but there was a slight surplus of dieselene. The lubrication oils were correct but the types mixed. There was also some outstanding correspondence regarding drums.

Before handing over to Capt. Reeves he visited the A.A. Stations and barracks stores and checked the remains there. During April, Capt. Reeves told him that with two exceptions he was satisfied with the accounts which he thought he would be able to adjust during the next period.

Of the two discrepancies he discovered one and Capt. Reeves the other and Capt. Reeves had believed that he could adjust these by finding out where the error was.

SAPPER RECALLED

Recalled in the afternoon, Sapper Kuenster was questioned on certain points of evidence. Witness said that it would have been impossible on the night between Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 for anyone to have tampered with the drums that were found empty in the far corner of the lower row.

It would have been impossible to shift 44 gallon and 25 gallon drums without causing considerable disturbance and occupying a long time in the removing of the drums stacked on top. When he had checked the drums he checked only the open ones and found these were not tampered with. Further hearing was adjourned to this morning.

TWELFTH NIGHT POSTPONED

Miss Nora Witchell Still Indisposed

The Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. Committee has been compelled to postpone "Twelfth Night," owing to the illness of Nora Witchell, to the following dates:—

Tickets for Jan. 8 will be transferred to Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets for Jan. 10 will be transferred to Friday, Jan. 24, at 9.15 p.m.

Tickets for Jan. 11 will be transferred to Saturday, Jan. 25, at 9.15 p.m.

It is hoped that all patrons will sympathize with the Committee in this trouble, and wish Miss Nora Witchell a speed recovery.

WU TSE-TIEN AND BUDDHISM

Under the auspices of the Hongkong Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Association, a lecture entitled "Wu Tse-tien and Buddhism" will be delivered by Prof. Tschien Yin-koh, Prof. of Medieval Chinese History of Tsing Hua University and Visiting Professor at the University of Hongkong, today at the Fung Ping Shan Library at 5.30 p.m.

Wu Tse-tien, commonly known to Europeans as Empress Wu, is one of the most remarkable personages in Chinese History, comparable with Queen Elizabeth of England and Catherine II of Russia in the West, and the title she actually assumed was 'Emperor of the Golden Disc,' her aspiration having been drawn from the Mahamegha Sutra.

It is on this point that Professor Tschien is going to speak, and his lecture, which will be in English, will be very interesting to students of Chinese History.

IMMIGRATION OFFICER TO BE APPROACHED

Facilities For Settlement Of New Year Accounts

"As the first petition was rejected by the Government, after due consideration, there is little hope of the second one being granted," said the HON. SIR ROBERT KOTTEWALL, Kt., C.M.G., LL.D., Executive Councillor, when interviewed yesterday regarding the Chinese Chamber of Commerce's new petition for postponing the enforcement of the Immigration Ordinance for a month.

H.K. Schools Musical Association

PIANO RECITAL TODAY

The Hongkong Schools Musical Association, which has been formed in the last few months, is holding its first concert on Friday, Jan. 10, at 5.30 p.m., at St. Joseph's College, when Prof. Harry Ore will give a piano recital, assisted by Mr. G. D'Aquino, tenor.

The chief object of the Association is to provide good concerts for school students at prices they can afford to pay and at times convenient to them. The annual subscription for students is one dollar, and it is hoped to arrange five concerts during the winter months.

Teachers may join the Association at a subscription of two dollars.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS

It is also hoped that the Association will be able to organise joint school orchestras and perhaps a Schools Musical Festival as well as a Members' Concert.

So far the Association has been rather informally organised, with a small Executive Committee consisting of Mr. G. A. Goodban, Chairman, Miss B.T. Chiu, Hon. Sec., Brother Cassian, Hon. Treas., and Mr. J. R. N. Smith.

Later some student members will join this executive, and the control of the general policy will reside with a General Committee consisting of representatives, both staff and student, from all the participating schools.

MOTHER BIFFI KILLED

Mother Maria Biffi, head of the St. Joseph's Conventual Hospital, was killed in the Japanese bombing of Waichow on Jan. 8.

Mother Biffi, aged 56, had been in the Far East for 34 years, the last 12 years having been spent in Waichow.

It is reported that two other Sisters of the same mission are among the wounded.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE RELATED

Man Accused Of Robbing Dance Hostesses

The story of how a man, in a desperate attempt to escape, jumped into the harbour after having allegedly robbed two women and wounded two men and a youth, who had tried to stop him, was related at the Central Magistracy yesterday by Det. Sub-Ins. W. N. Darkin when CHAN MAN, 35, unemployed printer, was charged before Mr. H. G. She don.

Defendant was alleged to have, on Nov. 23 last, at the staircase of No. 329 Lockhart Road, armed with a knife, robbed Wong Chan, 31, and Chan Kam-ping, 19, dance hostesses, of a handbag and wrist watch, respectively.

Chan was further charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Wong Chuen, Wan Fu and Li Tsuen.

S. I. Darkin said that shortly after 8 p.m. the two girls were going to the Pin Sin private dancing school at No. 329, Lockhart Road. While they were walking up the stairs they heard someone coming up behind and stopped to allow the person to pass.

WEAPON THREAT

A Chinese male, however, instead of passing seized Wong's handbag at the same time threatening her with a weapon. On the other girl crying, "Save life," the man turned round, snatched her wrist watch, and ran down the stairs. A man, Wan Fu, and a boy Wong Chuen, 16, who heard the cries tried to stop the man but both of them received cuts.

This man ran from Lockhart Rd. into Monnochy Rd. There another man, Li Tsuen, was also

wounded when he tackled the man.

On receipt of a report, Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison proceeded to the scene where he was told that the alleged assailant had jumped into the harbour. The man, alleged to be defendant, was found by Sgt. Morrison hiding under a pier.

Dr. C. C. Yung, medical officer of the Queen Mary Hospital, testified as to the extent of the injuries suffered by the three men.

ACCUSED'S STATEMENT

At the conclusion of the prosecution's case, defendant stated that on the night in question he met a number of people chasing after a man. He did not know whether it was snatching or something else. He went up and pushed the man, both of them falling to the ground. When he got up some of the people assaulted him, and he started to run.

He heard someone accusing him of snatching. He told them he was not the man but, seeing that he was still being chased, he ran again and jumped into the harbour. Later he was arrested by the Police.

As there was no evidence, the second charge was dismissed, but defendant was committed for trial on the other two charges.

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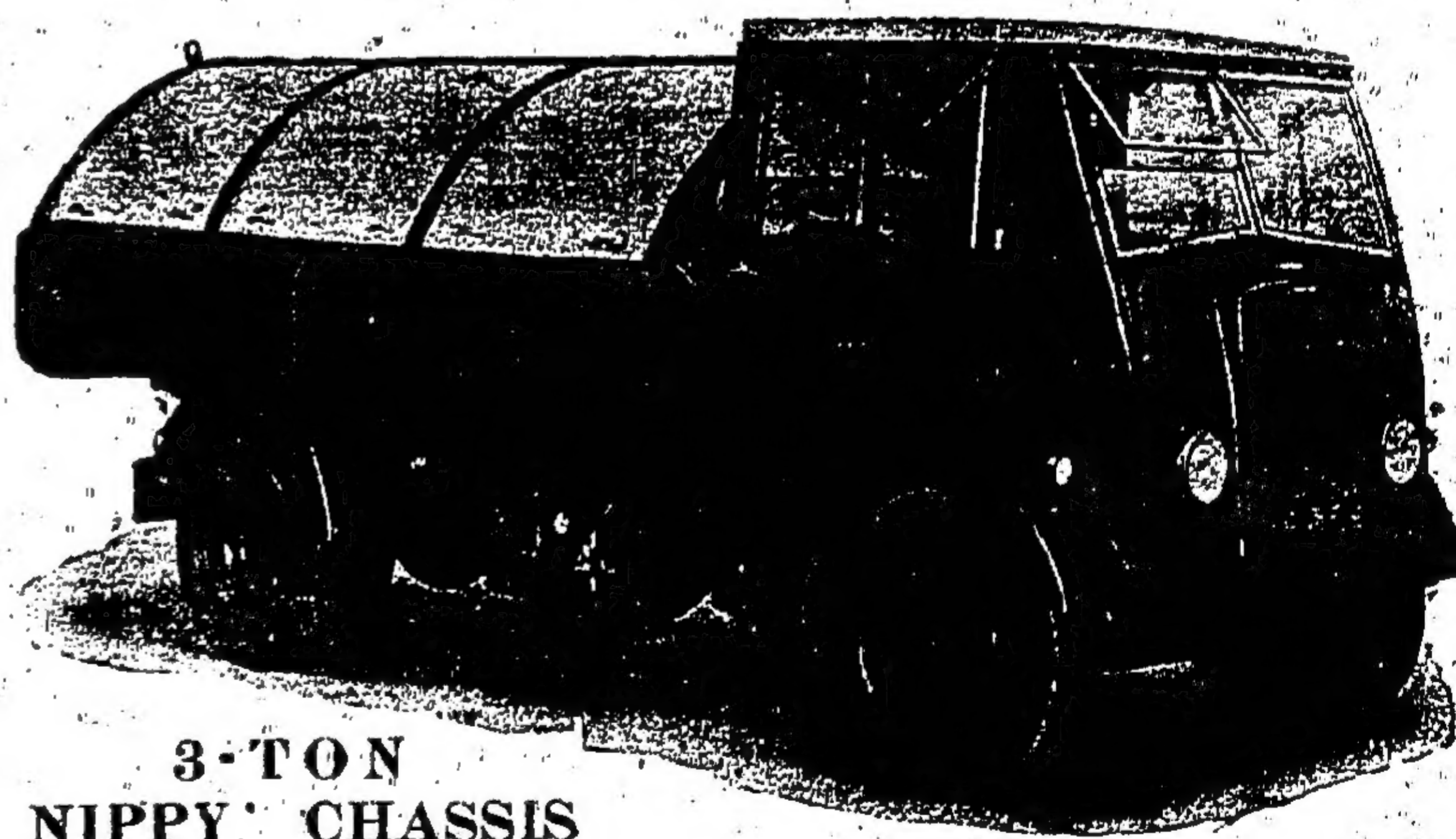
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HONG KONG ISLAND.
Gloucester Road, Wanchai:—
from Fenwick Street to Fleming Road.

KOWLOON.
Waterloo Road:—from Nathan Road to the Seafont.
Argyle Street:—from Sham Chun Street to Portland Street.

These streets will be marked out in stall-spaces of 10 feet by 10 feet and the fee for each stall-space will be \$5.00 for the period of the fair. No more than 2 stall-spaces will be allotted to each applicant.

2. Stall-spaces will be let for the sale of the following commodities only:—

Gold fish
Flowers (including artificial flowers, pot-plants and miniature gardens)
Curios
Sandalwood
Stationery
Pictures and Calendars
Toys
Uncut Fruit
Melon Seeds
Chinese Confectionery

Applications for stall-spaces should be made in person at the Hawkers' Office, Leighton Hill Road, Hong Kong on the following dates:—

Stalls for sale of flowers and gold fish:
Monday 13th, January.
Stalls for sale of curios, sandalwood, pictures, calendars, stationery and toys:
Tuesday 14th, January.
Stalls for sale of uncut fruit, melon seeds and Chinese confectionery:
Wednesday 15th, January.

Applicants should only attend at the Hawkers' Office on the date set aside for the particular commodity they wish to sell.

3. No unauthorised stalls will be allowed.

4. No persons will be allowed to display their wares in places other than the authorised stall-spaces mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

5. Police have instructions to arrest all unlicensed hawkers and persons causing obstruction.

C. J. ROE,
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of GUSTAV OTTO AMANN late of No. 24 Conduit Road Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Engineer deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 1st February, 1941.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of Charlotte Elizabeth Hastings of Ash Mount Abbots Langley Watford in the County of Hertford, Widow, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 26th day of January, 1941.

ALL creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 2nd day of January, 1941.

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TOTAL DEFENCE OF DEMOCRACY

IF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S message to the United States Congress could have been hailed as encouraging to Britain and her allies, the presentation of his, all-time record budget expenditure for the total defence of Democracy is the clearest proof of the President's determination to put his words into action with the least possible delay, no matter how high the cost and how great the sacrifices the American public will be called upon to make. The most important feature of the budget programme of \$25,000,000,000 is that this huge total is to be almost exclusively devoted to what is described as "a new deal plus national defence".

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Hong Kong.

SOME LITTLE TIME must, of course, pass before the full effect of the President's programme for America materialises. His budget proposals have to be approved by the Congress and, though there is every reason to believe that this approval will not be delayed, the other essentials necessary for setting the wheels of the legislative machinery in motion, in re-organising the resources of the country to the national effort and distributing the burden of taxation which the budget envisaged fairly and as equally as possible on the American people, must take their course. There is no doubt that the United States administration will make every effort to speed up these

SEVEN WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at four, and Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, at three, of the weddings which took place at the Registry yesterday.

Mr. Tse Ki-shum, of No. 28, Poplar Street, and Miss Wong Bik-yu of No. 152, Gloucester Road.

Mr. Luke Loy, merchant, of No. 115, Kilung Street, and Miss Mak Fung-oi of No. 113, Kilung Street.

Mr. Wong Shau-san, shipping agent, residing at No. 44, Village Road, and Miss Fung Nga-yee of No. 19, Luen Fat Street.

Mr. George Gosling of No. 54, Village Road, and Miss Ng Mui-kwai of No. 225, Wanchai Road.

Mr. Lam Kwok-kwong, merchant, of No. 27, Pilgrim Street, and Miss Wong To-ching, of No. 205, Shanghai Street.

Mr. Lam Shui-ki, teacher, residing at Nam Wah Po Village, Tai Po Market, and Miss Cheung Sui-fong, teacher, of Tai Po Old Market.

Mr. Ching Lin-ching, clerk, of No. 157, Sai Yee Street, and Miss Li Woon-ping of No. 441, Hennessy Road.

TRAM MISHAP

A tram was involved in a traffic accident with, it was said, with a lorry at about 1 p.m. yesterday, but, up to a late hour last night, no details could be obtained from official quarters.

details. Indeed, the President has already taken the initiative to expedite his plans by the appointment, in advance, of a supreme directorate to rush arms production. In such circumstances, therefore, the help promised Britain may not become immediately available. But the fact that this huge storehouse across the Atlantic is now supporting her with all the economic forces at its command will have a most heartening effect, and will make the British determination to carry on the struggle against the Totalitarians even stronger than it is now.

AS FAR AS the American people are concerned, despite the few who still look timidly on what they feel is a step nearer open warfare for the United States, the President's budget proposals will not come as a surprise. By a vast majority, public opinion in that country has supported President Roosevelt in every move he has taken to help those who are resisting the aggressor nations. They feel, as their President does, that their future existence is at stake and, with the glorious example of the sacrifices which the British people are making to help England to overcome Totalitarian tyranny, they will accept the additional burdens of taxation, which will be imposed as a result of the budget proposals, in the same spirit as the British. The effect of this huge demonstration of confidence in Britain on the Axis partners will be just the opposite. Germany, Italy and Japan realise now that America is the most formidable obstacle to their plans for domination and yet they dare not, as a result of what is taking place in America, take the initiative of declaring war on the United States. On the contrary, it will be to their advantage to keep the United States out of active participation in the hostilities and however much they may fume and threaten at the practically un-neutral attitude which President Roosevelt has fearlessly adopted, they will be powerless to prevent the assistance which America is giving their opponents. Can there be any doubt now that the end of the road on which Britain set her feet is drawing nearer?

WHAT USE IS RICE WITHOUT FIREWOOD?

The members of this Chamber have decided not to take any action until we know what Government intend to do about the matter," said MR. H. Y. TSO, Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, when interviewed by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday on the subject of the rise in the price of firewood.

"We feel confident that Government, realising that firewood is as essential as rice (for without fuel how could one cook the rice?) will take prompt action to curb the continuous rise and so help to alleviate the lot of the public."

Asked whether he agreed with the assertion, published in Wednesday's issue of the Hongkong Daily Press, that the market has been cornered, Mr. Tso stated that that was quite possible and "in fact might be the sole reason for the record price reached."

KEEPS BETTER

"Firewood keeps much better than rice. In this damp climate it would pay the dealers to keep the wood as long as they keep it the heavier it would get—due to its absorbing the moisture."

"Another important thing to remember is—the approach of the Chinese New Year and the usual big demand for rice and firewood following the usual custom of the Chinese to keep a stock of these two commodities over to the New Year for luck."

NEWSETTES

An unknown Chinese female jumped off the Vehicular Ferry wharf, Connaught Road Central, about 3.10 p.m. yesterday. Suicide is suspected.

The forthcoming wedding between Mr. John Coleman ("J.C.") Charter, the well-known Club rugby player, and architect of the Public Works Department, residing at "Courtland," Kennedy Road, and Miss Yvonne Joyce Spencer Crowley, of No. 7, "Abernethy Court," May Road, has been announced.

The wedding of Mr. G. S. Winch, residing at No. 58, Peel Street, Hongkong, and Miss Z. M. J. Viola-Ribeiro, of No. 16 Mau Lam Street, Kowloon, will take place at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon, on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 3.30 p.m.

A large congregation was present at The Mosque, Shelley Street, yesterday morning when divine service was held by Muslims in the Colony in celebration of Id-ul-Bakar, a festival for sacrifices. The prayers were led by Mulvi Mohammed Noor Shah who also delivered a sermon on the purpose and object of celebrating the festival.

Lin Kang-hou, Secretary-General of the Chinese Bankers' Association of Shanghai, who was "blacklisted" by the Nanking regime, was appointed a member of the Standing Committee of the National Relief Commission at a meeting of the Executive Yuan.

Other appointments made at the meeting included those of Mr. Chang Yung-chi as Secretary-General of the Ninghsia Provisional People's Assembly, Mr. Sung Yuan as counsellor of the Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Chang Yi-hui as Senior Expert of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.—(Central News).

POLICE REPORTS

Wong Yuk-tong, of Chan Chi Kee Shop at No. 4, Lyndhurst Terrace, reports that a diamond ring, valued at \$400, was stolen by a man, who came in to inspect the ring, while he was not looking.

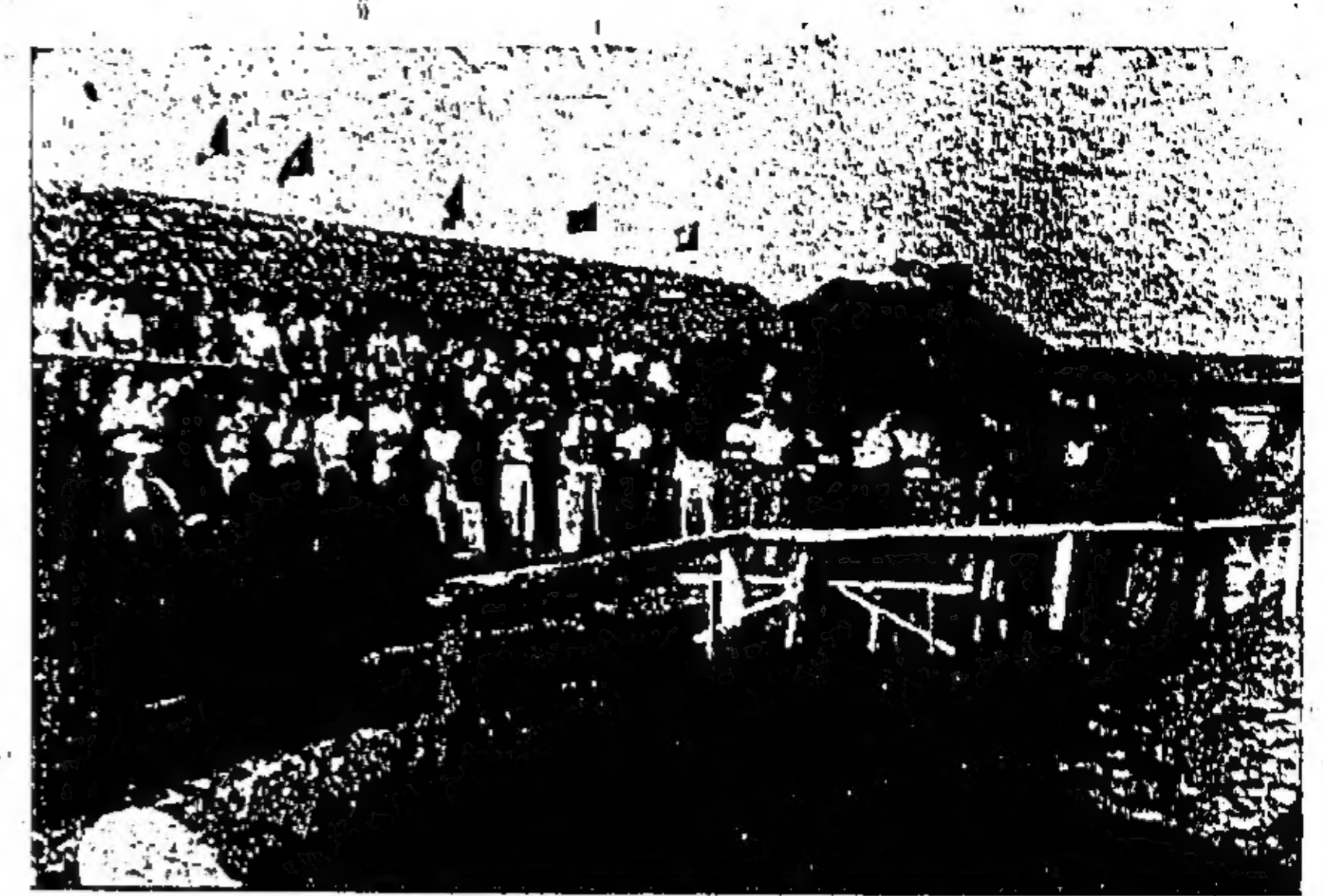
Miss Bliss, of No. 1, Tramway Path, has reported that a suitcase, valued at \$30, was stolen from her house on Jan. 8.

The theft of a camera, a month old and money to the aggregate value of \$43 from his house at No. 101 High St. has been reported to the police by Lo Kwok-shu.

CHESS RESULTS

In the Senior Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club yesterday C. M. Sequeira beat L. Karpovich and D. E. de Carvalho beat A. Y. Biriukoff.

There are only five entries for the Colony Chess Championship to date.



Auction for the Selling Lottery in progress at the Middlesex Regiment's Mule Race Meeting held at Kwantl recently.

CAPT. CYRIL FALLS EXAMINES

THE BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF THE ARMY OF THE NILE: PROUD AUSTRALIAN FEAT

The story has got about that the decision which the Italians took to make a stand at Bardia was taken against their wishes, and that Signor Mussolini had ordered them to hold out. If this is true, Il Duce put his troops to a cruel trial," said CAPTAIN CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of The Times, when he reviewed the military operations of the week in a broadcast from London.

CAPT. FALLS opened his talk with a reference to what he described as another brilliant success by the Army of the Nile. "As I said in a previous talk," he went on, "when a force locks itself up in a fortress, it almost inevitably condemns itself to destruction."

WATCH BENGHAZI

"I dislike going into details before the official account of a battle is published. I will, therefore, say no more now than that this was the finest feat of arms. We have got possession of the two most advanced Italian outposts, Sollum and Bardia. We have added to our war material with the equipment that we have taken from them and we have captured a further large proportion of the Italian army in Cyrenaica."

"I shall not speculate on how far the attack will go on. That is a matter on which I have no more definite knowledge than anyone of those who are listening to me."

"If General Wavell is in a position to go on and exploit his victory he will do so. But if the Italians lose the port of Benghazi they will be unable to do anything to help themselves. It may be important to remember this as future news of the campaign comes in."

Capt. Falls stated that it was surprising that this new victory had been gained so soon. "Just imagine what it means," he said, "to move mechanised troops, equipment and supplies with the wind whipping up the sand."

A GREAT FEAT

"This was, indeed, a great feat and I do not think that it could have been done unless the troops concerned had been trained and used to the conditions under which they were fighting."

"It is possible that the assault on Bardia could have been launched a little earlier, but if it had been, it might have cost a heavy sacrifice of life and General Wavell was content to wait."

"The time that he allowed himself must have been very useful also from the point of view of the destruction caused by artillery fire, the guns of the fleet and the bombs of the air force. One important part of this strategy was that the attackers found out first exactly what they would have to meet."

"It is reported that night after night Australian patrols crept through the Italian defences to find out what defences they had and where and how the tank traps were laid. That is traditional of the Australians and the fathers of these men who fought so gallantly in the last war are proud of them."

VALUE OF NIGHT PATROLS
"When you are up against conditions like Bardia, these night patrols are almost half the battle won. The town was surrounded by an anti-tank ridge and to deal with these was the work of the engineers to make the way safe for the large tanks. These engineers, it is also interesting to know, were also Australians."

"The assault was carried out with such speed," said Capt. Falls, "that we might be inclined to minimise its difficulties. It must not be forgotten that the Italian forces were perhaps superior in numbers to the British forces which attacked Bardia."

"The Italian broadcasters are now trying to tell the world that Bardia could not really be called a fortress. Well, we need not

quarrel about that and anyway, it was a strong place. The method of attack was brilliant too. The Italians were led to expect the assault from the North-West, but it actually came from the South-West and drove a great wedge into the Italian defences and they were cut in two."

Msgr Ng Kwai-fong, of Lockhart Road, reported that while she was walking along On Lok Lane on Jan. 8, someone snatched her handbag away.

FUKIEN OVERSEAS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

The Fukien Provincial Overseas Affairs Commission has been established with Dr. Henry F.P. Chiu, member of the Fukien Provincial Government and Managing-Director of the Fukien Provincial Bank, as Chairman, and Mr. Lin Yu-jen Vice-Chairman.

More than 10 prominent overseas Chinese, who are natives of Fukien, including Messrs. Wang Chun-sheng, Tai Kwai-sheng, Tan Kah-kee and Aw Boon-haw, have been invited as members.

The Commission will undertake the task of bettering the conditions of overseas Chinese, protecting their families in Fukien and facilitating their travel between Fukien and abroad.

It will establish a number of stations at Yunnan and other key points to provide lodging and other facilities for overseas Chinese during their sojourn in the province. It is estimated that there are about 4,000,000 Fukienese abroad.—(Central News).

KWELLIN, Jan. 8 (Central)—On behalf of the entire faculty and student body of the National Chungshan University, Mr. Hsu Chung-tsing yesterday presented General Huang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, and General Li Chai-sun, Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters in Kweilin, each an embroidered banner as a token of respect.

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FAST WEIGHT OF U.S. MORAL AND MATERIAL RESOURCES ARE NOW ON BRITAIN'S SIDE

"The vast weight of America's moral and material resources are now on our side," said MR. GERALD BARRY, a news commentator, when he broadcast from London on Wednesday on the recent developments in international affairs.

"President Roosevelt's message was most encouraging to Britain and her allies," he said. "The president did not testify the way in which this help to us would come and we cannot expect these supplies to be available to us for some time yet."

"ALLEGED NEUTRALITY"

"American production has to be organised and machinery made to work before this can be accomplished, but in the meantime, the vast weight of America's moral resources are now on our side."

"The American nation," continued Mr. Barry, "is not formally in the war. We do not know that it will ever be, but what we do know is that she is certainly not neutral and there are some people on both sides of the Atlantic who see a special significance in the President's omission of the words 'short of war' when he spoke of giving aid to Britain."

"That might have been quite accidental, but it is worth remembering that in a recent Gallup Poll, 60 per cent. of the people in America were in favour of the fullest aid to

Britain, even if it meant going to war. We can leave the American public to decide that."

"The American press have expressed their opinions on the message and one paper rightly said: 'The speech makes the end of our alleged neutrality,' while a Detroit paper said 'only one conclusion can be drawn and that is that we will be actually at war without declaring it.'"

"That is a great tribute to pay," went on Mr. Barry. "In Italy, it is reported that the Fascists there look upon the speech as marking the entry of America into the war."

PRESIDENT'S WARNING

"More than that, however, is the fact that has now been emphasised that the President's warning was not only addressed to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, but equally to the Japanese."

"This war is just as much the war of the Chinese people who have been fighting so gallantly against the aggressor nation in the east. The two wars are, therefore, linked together for the same end—freedom for everyone. That is the kind of world we are hoping to build for mankind."

"All this is making Herr Hitler think very hard. He must realise that he must smash this country before American aid can become effective. He must try an assault on our country before many weeks or months have passed. He may try his invasion and in any case he is bound to try and intensify his U-Boat campaign."

Mr. Barry went on to declare that the latest figures of British shipping losses had been very encouraging, but added that it was too soon to cheer loudly on that score. The position, however, was a good deal more favourable than it was in the last war.

MORE BOMBING LIKELY

"We are also expecting plenty of more bombing," said Mr. Barry, "but we are quite convinced that Herr Hitler cannot win the war that way." Mr. Barry then spoke of the recent fire raids on London and declared that none of the objectives set on fire had any military value. He paid a tribute to the manner in which the civilian population had endured the raids and said that it was typical of the light-hearted way of the people of the country.

"Herr Hitler has other reasons to make him hesitate," went on the speaker. "The first is that his friend has got into an increasing tight corner on the other side of the Mediterranean and Rome has now had to admit that Nazi aircraft have had to be sent to assist him."

"It does not suit Herr Hitler's book to have an air war on two fronts any more than it would suit him to have a land war on two fronts."

"This morning it was stated that there is now little doubt that Tobruk is practically cut off from the west. It certainly looks as if Tobruk will have to defend itself without assistance from outside, but Herr Hitler is bound to do everything he can to rectify the balance soon."

RUMOURS DISCOUNTED

Mr. Barry referred to the rumours of troop movements in the Balkans and the threats to Bulgaria, coupled with the report that an ultimatum had been presented to, and accepted by, Bulgaria. None of these rumours, however, had been confirmed.

"Apart from the unsuitability of the season for a winter campaign in the Balkans," said Mr. Barry, "the Nazis have to think about the attitude of Russia. It is by no means certain that Russia will agree to an invasion of Bulgaria. And then what about Turkey?"

"Herr Hitler is hatching something no doubt, and when he judges the moment has come to strike, the blow will be made as forcibly as he has done before, but he cannot be unaware of the risks that he is faced with today and which is causing him to hesitate so much."

Lend Or Lease Bill Ready For Congress

The draft of the Bill empowering the United States Government to LEND OR LEASE SHIPS, TANKS, GUNS AND PLANES TO BRITAIN, has been completed and will be ready for Congress today, states a London message.

The bill will probably be simultaneously considered in both houses and Senator Rasmussen, spokesman in the House of Representatives, declared that the legislation would be pushed through with just as little time as possible.

Congress leaders made it plain yesterday that the bill is entirely new and does not involve any amendments to the Neutrality Act.

Several London newspapers devote big headlines to the reorganisation and expansion of the United States Fleet, an indication of which was given on Wednesday night by Colonel Frank Knox, U. S. Secretary for the Navy.

A report from Washington states that the majority of Americans who are convinced that United States should give all aid to Britain short of war, has accepted President Roosevelt's \$4,500,000,000 budget without surprise and financial houses of Wall Street received the news calmly.

Senator Berkeley described the budget as a minimum of what America ought to do for defence. It is pointed out that more than three-fifths of the budget is to be devoted for national defence. There will also be a rise in United States income tax to pay for this vast expenditure and it is thought possible that the income tax may be raised to a flat rate of 10 per cent. from four per cent.

EVOLUTION OF POLICY

LONDON, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—

President Roosevelt's address to Congress, followed by his budget message marks another stage in the evolution of American policy and American determination, says The Times.

From "neutrality in deed though not in thought," the people of the United States have passed through "all aid to Britain short of war" to "all possible aid to Britain irrespective of the consequences."

Nothing more clearly marks the increasing "total" and worldwide character which the war has assumed. No continent is now removed from its scope.

The fate of the Far East and the fate of Africa are as inextricably involved therein as well as the fate of Europe and the future of the American continents.

A mission, under Mr. Harry Hopkins, to Britain, as "President Roosevelt's personal representative, provides yet further evidence of the keenness of American interest in the issues at stake in the future to which both nations are confidently looking forward and in the growing reality of the part played by the United States in the struggle."

Air Operations Extended Beyond Tobruk

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and there they will have to fight and it reminds its listeners that the late General Balbo crashed at Tobruk and declares that the Garrison there is preparing to withstand the British attack.

The Rome commentary also refers to Italy's difficulties and urged that the war in North Africa, has indicated the need for resistance and sacrifice by the whole army until the situation can be changed as they still hope may be possible.

In the Bardia area, a cleaning up is still going on and more prisoners are being rounded up. It is stated that it is possible that General Berganzoli may have reached Tobruk by boat.

DEED OF HEROISM

Italian propaganda has been doing its best to make the flight of General Berganzoli into a deed of heroism and adds that the defence of Bardia was sustained against a force ten times as numerous and that such people deserve to win the war.

MR. CHESTER WILMOT, special correspondent in Cairo, speaks of the problem of dealing with the thousands of prisoners.

Batches of two to three thousand are guarded by two or three British soldiers, while the correspondent saw many thousands going back along the road with no guards at all—an indication that they are not unwilling captives.

The problem became so acute that one brigade sent out this order: "Prisoners will be sent back to the compound in lots of not less than 1,000."

ENEMY POST OCCUPIED

A communiqué from the Sudan frontier states that as a result of patrol activity an enemy post, north-east of Kasala, has been vacated by the Italians and occupied by British troops.

ITALIAN GARRISON IN SERIOUS PLIGHT

CAIRO, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—The Italian garrison at Tobruk is unlikely to receive any more reinforcements and its position is becoming increasingly serious, writes Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters.

No Italian movements are detected by aircraft reconnoitring over the Tobruk area while the British Imperial forces are hourly closing in on this town.

British Headquarters here at Cairo are unwilling to make much comment on the nature of the advance but it is gathered that

the operations are proceeding to the "utmost satisfaction" of the commanders.

The complete collapse of morale among Graziani's forces is illustrated by official disclosures that three Blackshirt commanders deserted their men on the night before Bardia fell.

BERGANZOLI MYSTERY

The whereabouts of General Berganzoli, who commanded the Bardia garrison, remain a mystery. Initially reported captured, he is now stated to be missing.

A military spokesman at Cairo suggested that the Blackshirt General who has since been captured may have been mistaken for Berganzoli. The open rocky nature of the terrain, said the spokesman, doubtless facilitated his escape from Bardia.

Before the British force launched the final onslaught, it might have been possible for a small batch of Italians to creep through the cordon round the town.

ARABS IMPRESSED

ADEN, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—One result of the British victory at Bardia is the change of opinion in Britain's favour in the kingdom of Yemen, according to reliable reports received here.

Many prominent people there are stated to have abandoned support for Italy in favour of Britain.

One indication of the general opinion as to the Italian defeat in the war is that the lire is nowhere accepted while sterling circulates freely.

INVASION OF ABYSSINIA, REPORT

BOSTON, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—Passengers from African ports arriving on the liner City of New York reported that 100,000 British troops are waiting on the Kenya-Abyssinian border for the end of the rainy season before invading Abyssinia.

NO CONFIRMATION

LONDON, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—There is no confirmation of this statement in London.

"CLEANED UP"

Johannesburg, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—"I hope that when Abyssinia is cleaned up the South Africans will volunteer for other theatres of war," the deputy Prime Minister, Colonel Denys Reitz, said in a speech at a soldiers' club here yesterday.

TO STRENGTHEN MAN-POWER OF BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—Political correspondents forecast a new legislation shortly to strengthen Britain's man-power for war purposes.

It is understood that legislation to raise the conscription age to 45 and to bring in the ages of 18 and 19 is now being considered.

The liability of military service is at present limited to 41.

It is asserted that one quarter planned eventually to abolish the conscription age limit and placing the whole manhood of the nation "on the alert" to serve where needed, including compulsory air raid precaution services, into which some men are drafted instead of serving in armed forces.

GREEKS TAKE MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS

ATHENS, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—The latest Greek High Command communiqué reports the capture of more than 200 Italian prisoners as well as material of all kinds in the latest operations on the Albanian front.

Greek planes shot down three Italian machines. All the Greek planes returned safely.

SKI TROOPS

The Italians abortively attempted to use ski troops behind the Greek lines in recent fighting in the northern sector of the Albanian front, it is learned from Salonika.

The skiers filtered across in groups but owing to Greek vigilance and the Italians' ignorance of local geography, a number was easily rounded up and others fled leaving much equipment including wireless sets.

Minister's New Year Assurance

ATHENS, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—"Whatever the circumstances the Greeks will not yield," declared the Press Minister, M. Nicoloudis, replying to New Year wishes from foreign correspondents.

He said, "Our great leader and Premier, General Metaxas, by his historic refusal on the night of Oct. 28 to submit to Italian violence brought back a tired world to its realisation of duty, of dying for honour and liberty."

"The struggle continues and will be long and hard. We do not know what complications, what forces, what trials we shall have to face, but you can tell your countries and the world that the Greeks will not be afraid. They will not yield; they will fight on to the end and will conquer."

GREEK CIVILISATION

The creation of a third period of Greek civilisation as a result of the victorious conclusion of the present war was predicted yesterday by General Metaxas.

The occasion was the presentation to him of a bronze copy of the statuette of Pallas Athene by Macho dating from the sixth century.

Disclaiming credit for creating Greece's moral strength, General Metaxas said that this strength had been dormant and was now reawakened and given a forward impulse.

"The miracle that has been accomplished is the work of the Greek people. It is in this that its significance lies," concluded the Premier.

Nazi Labour Shortage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—Although Germany is doing everything possible to extend production, the Axis Powers have little chance of success for their efforts to extract from the Danube basin countries, food fodder and supplies, which normally would be imported from overseas.

This view is obtained from a report issued by the Foreign Section of the Agricultural Department. It ascribes the Nazi failure to the lack of essential fertilisers, labour shortage, and reduction in the number of draught and animals.

Auxiliary Air Pilot Awarded D.F.C.

LONDON, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—Daring attacks on night raiders figure for the first time in the deeds and merits awards to R.A.F. fliers.

FT.-LT. JOHN CUNNINGHAM, of the Auxiliary Air Force, who is given the D.F.C. has carried out 25 night sorties during which he has destroyed two enemy bombers and succeeded in making seven interceptions.

SGT. PETER JACKSON, of the R.A.F.V.R. awarded the D.F.M. was pilot of a fighter plane on patrol one night last month, who, when closing in to attack the night raider was badly cut about the hand and face. Though only able to see with one eye, he made a safe landing at the base in poor visibility and without wireless aid.

Nazis Fire New Shot In The War Of Nerves

LONDON, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—The Nazis fired a new shot in the war of nerves last night, when a British plan to invade Elbe was unearthed by Dr. Goebbels' propaganda machine.

The German Wireless broadcast a report from the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter, alleging the invasion is to be "carried out from Ulster in a few weeks."

The report adds significantly that "in such an event Berlin is determined to react in the same manner as in the case of Norway and Belgium."

INVASION PRETEXT

It will be recalled that the Nazis invaded Norway and Belgium on the pretext that their neutrality was threatened by the Allies.

In Europe itself there are two main targets of German bluster—France and Bulgaria.

Berlin wants France to decide for German policy quickly and intends to intimidate Bulgaria by saying that German action against her is imminent.

STREAM OF WAR MATERIAL IS ARRIVING IN MALAYA

A LARGE STREAM OF WAR MATERIAL is arriving in Malaya, according to an official statement from Singapore quoted in a London message.

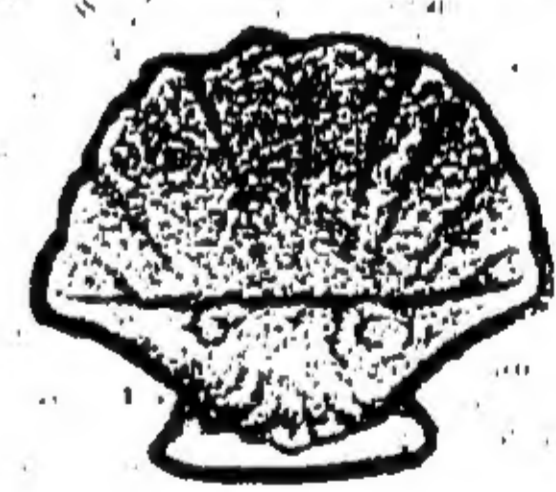
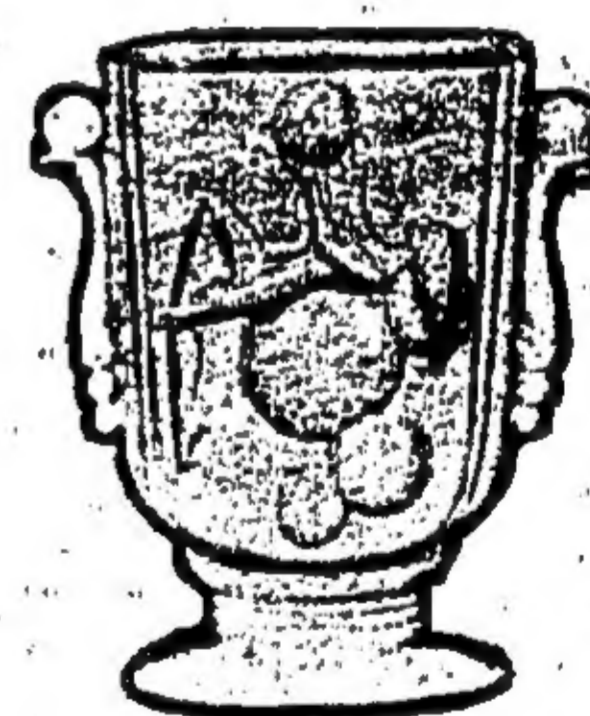
A large number of them, gun-carriers and light trucks, have arrived there and it is emphasised that the equipment is part of a large quantity of materials sent to Malaya which will be ready for service immediately on unloading. In Burma, the authorities have decided to expend the armed forces and two infantry battalions have been formed.

ITALIAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION

LONDON, Jan. 9. (Reuter)—The work of the Italian Armistice Commission in Syria is diminishing because of the changed situation in the Mediterranean, according to the Jerusalem correspondent of the INDEPENDENT FRENCH AGENCY.

He says the personnel of the Mission which has already been reduced to five, is likely to be further reduced and in the view of military circles in Syria and Lebanon, their activities will be still further curtailed.

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MEASURES FOR PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS CHINESE

Indicative of the solicitude of the National Government for the welfare of the numerous overseas Chinese, a set of measures for their protection during the present emergency period, was adopted at the meeting of the Executive Yuan.

According to the measures, the Chinese diplomatic representatives accredited to the various countries should undertake to protect the property and personal safety of the overseas Chinese whenever an emergency arises. They should render every assistance to, and provide all possible facilities for those, whose presence in the countries of their residence is non-essential, to return to China during an emergency.

Organs concerned at home should despatch representatives to take care of the overseas Chinese upon their return.

Those who are unable to return to their home country on account of business will be removed to places of comparative safety. The removal will be undertaken by the diplomatic representatives after negotiations with the local authorities.

In the case of those removed to places of safety their immovable properties will be registered with the diplomatic representatives for adequate protection.

GIVEN GUIDANCE

Overseas Chinese who wish to enter into any business enterprise after their return to China will be given assistance and guidance by the Government. A special organ for this purpose has been established. Overseas technicians will be assigned work in organs concerned after having been registered.

Children of overseas Chinese who have returned to China will be assigned to various schools for education by the Ministry of Education.

The measures forbid overseas Chinese to participate in any military or political activities in the places in which they are living without previous approval by their home Government. — (Central News)

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

SNATCHER IMPRISONED

An unemployed tailor, Cheung Wah, 33, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on a charge of stealing a handbag containing \$1.40 from Mrs. M. H. Lo, of No. 62, Conduit Road, at Fat Hing St. near Possession St. on Jan. 8.

Sgt. Brown, prosecuting, said that complainant was buying things at Fat Hing St., and the handbag was put in a basket, which she was carrying. Defendant came up from behind and stole the handbag. He was running away when he was stopped by a 57-year-old food hawkker, Lau Lun.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour, to be followed by recommendation for expulsion.

The hawkker was thanked by Mr. Sheldon.

SINCERE CO. VICTIMISED

Charged with stealing three woollen vests at the ground floor of the Sincere Company on Jan. 8, Ma To, 43, unemployed teacher, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

It was stated that defendant went into the Sincere Company at about 2 p.m., and took the garments from the top of a showcase, while complainant, Wong Po-wu, salesman of the Company, was engaged with other customers. Defendant slipped the articles under his jacket and walked away, but was caught by complainant at the entrance of the Company.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours to find his relatives.

FORGERY CASE

Lui Fook-wing, alias Kong Keung, 45, broker, and Li Wah-sing, alias Li Pang, 37, unemployed, were defendants in a forgery case which came before Mr. Sheldon yesterday. Lau Lam-shi, married woman, of No. 104, Wellington Street was the complainant.

First defendant was charged with uttering a forged document, on June 18, 1940, purporting to be the will of Lau Mau, deceased, by presenting same to the Probate Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Second defendant was charged together with Lau Wah-po and Lau Hing on May 31, 1940, forging the document in question and dating June 25, 1939 with intent to defraud.

Sub-Insp. C. H. Goodwin, who is in charge of the case, asked for a 48-hours' remand and this was granted.

Mr. M. A. da Silva will be appearing for both defendants.

SNATCHER REMANDED

Charged with robbing Mrs. Inez Soares of a brown leather handbag containing \$2.50, a rosary, a pair of glasses, a pocket watch and a compact, with others not in custody, on Jan. 4 at Stubbs Road, Li Kam, 26, unemployed shop fook, of no fixed abode, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when he was remanded for one week.

Det. Sub-Insp. W. N. Darkin is in charge of the case.

THEFT BY BAILEE

Charged with theft by bailee of \$120, a gold finger ring and a gold wrist watch band, property of Yau Lee, 28, cemetery coolie, fraudulently taking or converting same to own use between Feb. 5, 1938 and Jan. 4, 1941, a 28-year-old married woman, Leung Siu-fun, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Prosecuting, Acting Sub-Insp. G. C. Taylor said that complainant, being a good friend of defendant's father and defendant herself and living at the same place, entrusted the articles to defendant for safe keeping on Feb. 5, 1938. Last month he asked them back from defendant, and learned that she had given them away. A few days later defendant disappeared. The matter was reported to the police and defendant was arrested on Jan. 4 at West Point.

Asked whether she could make any restitution, defendant replied no.

EMBEZZLER BOUND OVER

Wong Kwai, 30, rent collector, charged with embezzling various sums amounting to \$522, being money collected on behalf of Hang Yuk-ming on divers dates between Nov. 29 and Dec. 15, was bound over on a sum of \$250 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday when a woman turned up in court claiming herself as a relative of defendant and said that she was willing to make the restitution.

In passing sentence, Mr. Sheldon commented: "You are a lucky man to have such a good relative and

good master, although you do not deserve such."

CONFISCATION ORDER

An application for an order for the confiscation of one 5-chambered revolver and four rounds of ammunition, found in a scavenging lane at the rear of Leighton Hill Road, without an apparent owner, on Jan. 7, was granted by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

MURDER HEARING

Several employees of the Chung Hwa Book Company gave evidence at the continued hearing yesterday of the case in which Ho Sung-hel, 32, an employee of the company, is charged with the murder of Woo Tong chi, 29, accountant, at No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar.

The case is being heard before Mr. Lowry. Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, assisted by Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant.

It was stated in evidence yesterday that defendant did not return to his quarters until after 4 a.m. on Dec. 5 and when he awoke blood was seen on his shirt.

Hearing was adjourned to Monday morning.

AT KOWLOON

HOUSE BREAKER GAOLED

Sentence of three months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion, was imposed by Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday on Lam Ngau-fat, 20, for housebreaking.

Det.-Sgt. Matches, prosecuting, said that defendant was arrested by a constable about 5 p.m. on Jan. 7. In the Police Station defendant admitted that he had stolen a quantity of cotton yarns from the Kowloon Godowns.

MURDER CHARGE AMENDED

Hearing of the case, in which Yip Hoi and Leung Po-ling were charged with murdering a cook, Chan Fuk, following a dispute over a game of "tin kau", was continued before Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

Evidence was given by Dr. H. T. Bee, who said that the deceased was admitted into the Kowloon Hospital on Dec. 13 with a stab on the back and died the following day. Cause of death was shock, and haemorrhage from a stab wound on the liver.

After evidence Mr. Himsforth remarked that defendants had no intention to murder the deceased and his death was only the result of a fight and amended the charge to wounding.

Defendants, pleading not guilty and wishing to call witnesses for their defence, were remanded for 24 hours.

FORGED BANKNOTES

Charged with possession of two forged \$1 notes issued by the Hongkong Government, Leung Wah chi, 25, houseboy, employed at No. 21, Granville Road, was discharged by Mr. Himsforth yesterday owing to insufficient evidence.

It was stated that defendant went to the Dairy Farm Co. at Nathan Road where he bought a quantity of bacon and tendered a \$1 note. The attendant asked him to change another one as it was a forgery. Defendant produced another note which was also refused.

Mr. Pang Oi-lan, of the Government Treasury, gave expert evidence.

THEFT OF SUITS

Noel Sylvio, 22, add job worker, of Seychelles, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with house breaking and receiving stolen property.

It was alleged that defendant broke into the K. Weiss Co., at No. 94, Nathan Road and stole five suits of male clothing, eight pairs of trousers and eight over coats on Nov. 13.

Det.-Sgt. F. A. Estall asked for a remand of 48 hours which was granted.

JUNKMASTER IN COURT

Appearing before Mr. Himsforth yesterday on a charge of conspiring with three others not in custody, to steal 690 bags of flour, 50 bags of rice, 16 bags of sugar and 14 bags of sesame seed at Shaui-wan, Lai Foo, 32, master of junk No. 7905H, was remanded for 48 hours.

Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the prosecution.

ALLEGED ABDUCTORS

REMANDED

Charged before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday with abducting a 15-year-old girl, Yuen Fung-king, on Dec. 24, four persons, including two women, Chan Fing, 36, travelling trader, Lam Mei-sui, 17, spinster, Lam Loi, 50, caterer, and Wong Lin, 48, married woman, were remanded seven days.

TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF REGISTERED OFFICE FROM H.K. DURING WAR

The following Hongkong Government Gazettes Extraordinary were published yesterday:—

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) Order in Council, 1939, the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1940, and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government hereby makes the following regulations:—

The Defence (Companies Temporary Transfer of Registered Office) Regulations, 1941.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Companies temporary transfer of registered office) Regulations, 1941.

2. During the course of any war between His Majesty and any foreign state or states and with the prior approval of the Governor, it shall be lawful, subject to the provisions of these regulations and notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1932, and notwithstanding anything contained in its memorandum of association, for any Company, incorporated by or under any Ordinance of the Colony and having its registered office therein, to pass a resolution by the Board of Directors authorising the temporary removal of its registered office from the Colony to some other part of the British Empire for such period not exceeding six months after the war as the Governor may approve.

3. The Governor shall not grant the prior approval referred to in regulation 2 unless he is satisfied that the removal of the registered office is expedient to meet some emergency which may arise as a result of the existing war or of any other war which might occur during the course thereof. A desire to avoid taxation shall not be considered as a valid ground for the grant of such approval.

4. After the filing of any such resolution as is referred to in regulation 2 the Registrar of Companies, when satisfied of such prior approval as aforesaid and that the registered office has been established in some other part of the British Empire and that the Company is maintaining there its register of members, charges and of directors or managers and that the names and addresses of some one or more persons resident in the Colony authorized to accept service of process and any notices required to be served on the Company have been delivered to him for registration, shall issue a certificate to the effect that the Company has complied with the requirements of these regulations and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

5. From and after the issue of the certificate referred to in regulation 4—

(a) the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1932, shall apply to Companies registered under it which have been given such a certificate subject to the modifications set out in the Schedule; and

(b) the provisions of any other Ordinance relating to any other Company which has been given such a Certificate shall apply to such company subject to such modifications as the Governor may by order direct.

SCHEDULE

Modifications of provisions to the Companies Ordinance, 1932, Ordinance No. 39 of 1932, in the case of Companies registered under it which have been granted a certificate under regulation 4 of the Defence (Companies temporary transfer of registered office) Regulations, 1941:

(1) Sections 92, 93 and 103 (6) shall be read as if the words "local office" were substituted for the words "registered office" wherever these words occur.

(2) Section 99 shall be read as if the words "ninety days" were substituted for the words "thirty days."

(3) Section 105 (2) shall be read as if the words "local or branch" were deleted.

(4) Section 131 shall be read as if the following sub-section were added at the end thereof:—

(5) The provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of this section shall not apply to auditors appointed by the directors or the Company when the registered office is situated in any part of the British Empire outside the Colony:

(6) Section 143 (2) shall be read as if the words "six months" were substituted for the words "fourteen days" wherever those words occur.

(7) Section 343 shall be read as if the words "or to the name and address of some person resident in

the Colony and registered with the Registrar of Companies as authorised to accept service of process and any notices required to be served on the Company" were added after the word "company" at the end thereof.

ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by regulation 55 of the Defence Regulations, 1940, as amended in Government Notification No. 805 in the Gazette Extraordinary of the July 18, 1940, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in the interests of public safety, defence, the efficient prosecution of the war and for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community doth hereby order and direct as follows:—

The Schedule to the Order made under the above mentioned regulation 55 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary of the July 22, 1940, as Government Notification No. 836 is hereby amended by inserting the title "Controller of Water Transport" after the title "Controller of Land Transport" in the first column thereof and the words "Ships and vessels and anything on board the same the requisition whereof is authorised by regulation 55 above mentioned." in the corresponding position in the second column thereof.

FILM SHOW FOR SERVICEMEN

Entertaining and educational films were provided for Servicemen last evening at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

The programme included news-reels, travel films and a short feature of the life of the celebrated musician, Johann Strauss.

Interesting films were: Somerset Idyll, This Age of Speed, Arts and Crafts—Silver, West India—Haiti, Jamaica and Bahamas, Women in War Time, Bombs over Europe and Johann Strauss.

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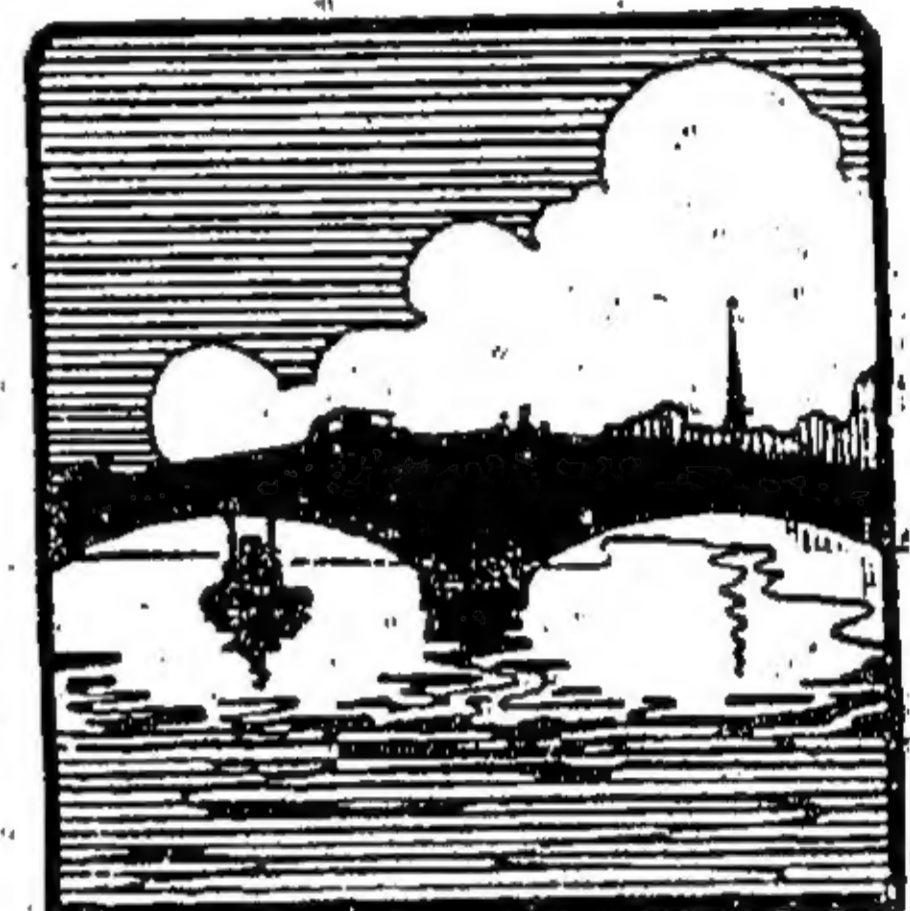
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New Passive Defence Services Club Opened

Unique in many ways was how Mr. L. Rayman, President of the Municipal Commissioners, described the Passive Defence Services Club at Farrer Park which he formally opened in Singapore.

Mr. Rayman said that the Club was unique in its origin which lay in the present war. It was unique in its composition in that it comprised members of all nationalities, communities, religions and creed and all strata of society.

AMERICAN AID FOR BRITAIN

Progress Being Made—Mr. Raeburn

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Progress is being made, said Mr. Raeburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, after conferring yesterday with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. Morgenthau, Head of Treasury, about aid for Britain.

Mr. Raeburn hinted that legislation might be considered by the House and Senate simultaneously. He said: "There is going to be as little time lost as possible." Other sources disclosed that an arms programme of \$10,000,000,000 for aid to Britain was being studied.

HISTORIC LONDON BLDGS. DAMAGED

COUNCIL CHAMBER BURNT OUT

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Westminster Cathedral, Westminster City Hall and the Temple were among the buildings damaged in recent air raids. It was disclosed last night.

Several incendiaries and high explosives fell on the City Hall and set the first floor of the Council Chamber on fire. The Chamber was burnt out and the contents fell to the ground floor. A considerable amount of superficial damage was done to the building.

ROBING ROOM DAMAGED
The robing room was badly damaged by water. The staff on duty tackled the

fire bravely until fire fighters arrived. The City records, archives and the Mace were removed some time ago to various parts of the country and also the portraits of past Mayors and pictures of historical scenes. There were no casualties.

SMART UNIFORMS

Members of the various branches of the Passive Defence Services in their smart uniforms formed a guard of honour which welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Rayman as they arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayman were met by Mr. J. E. Jeans, Director of the A.R.P. Department, and Mr. G. G. Lewis, Commander of the guard of honour.

A beautiful bouquet was presented to Mrs. Rayman by Miss Olive Javakoddy.

In a brief address, Mr. Jeans welcomed Mr. Rayman and expressed his willingness to assist the Club in every possible way. He read out a telegram sent by H.E. the Governor on Christmas Eve wishing him and all members of the Passive Defence Services every success.

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America's Political Parties

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running mate, remains the minority leader. Senator McNary attained his success in that role not by bold opposition to the Democrats but by adroitness in manipulating legislative situations to the advantage of his own party or the dismay of the opposition. The results of the elections will hardly cause Mr. McNary to abandon the strategy he has found most useful during his leadership.

MARTIN'S ROLE
The Republican leader in the House will continue to be Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., who is also, at the moment, Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Under Mr. Martin's leadership, House Republicans achieved no reputation for inviolable and unyielding opposition to Democratic legislative proposals.

Such legislative success as the Republicans attained was the result necessarily, or alliances with dissident Democrats. The fact that there may be fewer dissident Democrats in the next House may mean the accomplishment of Republican legislative ends even more difficult of attainment.

As far as Congress is concerned, no new elements of leadership have appeared in the Republican ranks as a result of the elections. Therefore, the logical assumption is that the course of the party in the next Congress will be charted by the same navigators and will follow approximately the same channels as in the present Congress.

It is unlikely, also, that any new elements will be in evidence on the Democratic side. Rather, the elements that have dominated during the past eight years have been strengthened.

Some of the strongest Democratic critics of the Roosevelt Administration were defeated in the election or in the primaries that preceded it, and the imposing victory which President Roose-

velt and his New Deal machine piled up is quite likely to discourage voices that might be raised in opposition hereafter.

OPPOSITION GROUP

There still will be Senator Byrd to raise his voice against profligate spending, and in the House Representatives Cox, Woodrum and others will be there to criticise the activities of some administrative agencies. But any expectation that their cries will become more than an echo in a New Dealer wilderness would seem to lack hope of fulfillment.

And the so-called conservative forces which so often rallied under the leadership of Vice President Garner will no have that salty Texan to guide them in future party councils.

Senator La Follette returns to the Senate as the lone progressive in that body and Wisconsin sent a third Progressive Representative to the House. Representative Marcantonio of New York was returned as the sole representative of the American Labour party. Otherwise minority parties are not represented in the national legislative picture.

WATCH FOR NEW ALIGNMENTS

Some students of politics hold that this election demonstrated more than any other that voters do not follow party lines or, except in the "Solid South," vote party labels. They point to the fact that President Roosevelt carried an imposing number of States that, so far as other State and national offices were concerned, were won or retained by the Republicans, as proof that voters were not influenced entirely by the party choice of candidates by the party label the candidate wore.

Despite the fact that the results of the election leave the two major parties strongly entrenched in their respective positions, many here feel that developments of the next four years may bring about new party alignments.

BIG U.S. TAX INCREASES PREDICTED

Sequel To Roosevelt Budget Proposals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Stiff increases in income tax and excess profits tax are predicted by officials as the immediate result of President Roosevelt's budget proposals.

Tax revenues under the present budget programmes will reach the highest point in American history, but nevertheless President Roosevelt recommended additional taxation. Ways and means, however, were left to Congress.

Tax experts consider income tax the most logical means of raising additional revenue.

Increases in gift and estate levies are also predicted.

An increase of 500 in the number of "G men" (Federal Bureau of Investigation) to counter espionage and sabotage, is recommended in the budget. The strength of this body already equals the peak of the last war at 1,500.

MARKET REACTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The publication of Mr. Roosevelt's record budget aroused no marked reaction on Wall Street and the market took the news of the huge prospective expenditure with relative calm.

Observers expressed some confusion over the budget's double implications of still higher corporate taxes and the enormous industrial activity which the defence spending must stimulate.

U.S. MERCY CARGO FOR UNOCCUPIED FRANCE

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—At President Roosevelt's personal request, a special shipload of foodstuffs and clothing is to pass through the blockade from the United States to Unoccupied France for distribution under the direct control of the American Red Cross.

The President's request, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare, was addressed to the British Government during the past few days. The goods consist of Vitamin A concentrates and clothing.

It is stressed in authoritative quarters that this concession, which is being made solely for the relief of children in Unoccupied France, in no way alters the British policy of blockading France as a whole.

The fact that the administration of the relief goods is being undertaken by the American Red Cross is considered sufficient guarantee that they will in fact reach the children for whom they are intended. The goods are being shipped in the same vessel as the cargo of wheat consigned to Spain by the United States. When unloaded at a Spanish port, the vessel will proceed to a port in Unoccupied France.

In addition to this shipload, it is understood that a small consignment of Vitamin A concentrates which had been detained in Bermuda, will be able to proceed. It is being taken to Unoccupied France by the well-known dress designer, Madame Schiaparelli, who is returning from the United States to Paris.

It was stated that if the present shipment safely reaches its proper destination, further quantities or relief food for children in Unoccupied France will be allowed through the blockade from time to time.

President Roosevelt, it was added, was well aware of the distinction in such cases between Occupied and Unoccupied France.

WHEAT FOR SPAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Conditions upon which the American Red Cross would send a cargo of wheat or flour to Spain to meet immediate civilian requirements have been communicated to the Spanish Government, states Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross.

If such a cargo were sent, it would presumably be a separate shipload and additional to the cargoes already announced as being sent to Europe.

The conditions are not specified in the announcement made here, but it is believed that the American Red Cross is requiring assurances that it will be given complete freedom in handling supplies.

Passive Resistance To Reich

CZECHS MAINTAIN UNITED FRONT

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Czechoslovakia has maintained a united front against Germany, said Dr. Benes, the Czech leader here on Tuesday.

In the factories the wheels are going slower and slower and a vast system of passive resistance is organised all over the country. "We have heard about Germany's war of nerves," he said.

Among the Germans in Czechoslovakia, he continued, there are evident signs of anxiety for the future, lack of confidence in their leaders and dissatisfaction with the whole regime.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY JAN. 9				THURSDAY JAN. 9			
Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal	Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal
Banks							
...	\$1380	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1380
...	282	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	282
...	278	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	278
...	258	Chartered Bank	...	...	258
...	227	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	227
...	210	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	210
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...
...	N. C. & S. Bank	...	...	...
...	Insurance	...	...	...
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...
...	Shipping	...	...	...
...	Douglases	...	...	...
...	Steamboats	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...
...	Shells	...	...	...
...	Waterboats	...	...	...
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...
...	Providents	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...
...	Mining	...	...	...
...	Kailans	...	...	...
...	Rauhs	...	...	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...
...	Humphreys	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...
...	Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...
...	Zoong Sings (S.)	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...
...	Y'mati Ferries	...	...	...
...	China Lights (O.)	...	...	...
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Light	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...
...	S'pore Trams (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Industrials	...	...	...
...	Cald., Macg. (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Cald., Macg. (Prof.)	...	...	...
...	Canton Iron	...	...	...
...	Cements	...	...	...
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% " (1934)	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% " (1940)	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...
...	Entertainments	...	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...
...	Sinceres	...	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	...
...	Ch. G. S. 1225G 184s	...	...	...
...	ILK. Wing On	...	...	...
...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	...
...	Vibro Piling	...	...	...
...	Marmans Inv. (Lon.)
...	Marmans Inv. (H.K.)
...	Wm. Fowells
...	China Lights (Rights)
...	+Sale to Shanghai

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what you're
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Silk Village Founded In Yunnan

A silk village has been founded in Yunnan as part of a general scheme to revive the silk industry in Free China. A total of \$25,000,000 has been invested by the Yunnan (Yunnan Provincial) Bank and three Central Government banks for the development of the village.

The village is situated at Tsopa, not far away from the tin mines at Kachin. It is a tract of highland with an area of 35,000 mow. With fine weather most of the year it is the most suitable spot in the Southwest for the growth of mulberry trees and the raising of silkworms.

A large number of war refugees from the coastal provinces who have experience in raising silkworms have come to settle down in the village and to rear silkworms. In their spare time they

BRITISH SUBMARINE REGULUS LOST

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—The British submarine Regulus, (Commander F. B. Currie) is now overdue and must be considered lost, states the Admiralty.

... The Regulus was well known in Hongkong, being stationed in the China Station for several years prior to the outbreak of war.

grow vegetables, raise poultry, hogs and sheep. Simple machines have been introduced to turn mulberry tree bark into tissue paper and silk refuse into clothing material. It has been planned to eventually grow mulberry trees on 60,000 mow of land. It is estimated that one mow of these trees yields enough leaves to feed such a number of silkworms as are capable of making one picul of cocoons. In addition, it has also been planned to erect a few silk-reeling plants on the lot to turn out 7,500 piculs of raw silk a year.—(Central News).

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Finance and Commerce

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 9, 1941.

On London:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	Credits 4 months' sight
On Shanghai:—	On demand 115
On Singapore:—	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:—	On demand 102 1/2
On India:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 82 1/2
On New York:—	Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 1/8	On Batavia:—
On demand 13 3/4	On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:—	On demand 101 1/2
On Manila:—	On demand 46 3/4
On Bangkok:—	On demand 149
On Sterling Notes:—	Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 34 5/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Jan. 9.
Silver prices dropped 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 1/4 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being quiet with a small business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403-3/4.

MARKET

Steady.

STERLING
Some business was arranged at 1/3 for March. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/3 January/February and 1/2-13/32 March/June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 Cash and 1/3 April.

U. S. DOLLARS
Some business was arranged at 23 1/16 for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 23 1/16 for Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 428. Business was arranged at 428. 427 1/2 and also 427. The market closed with sellers at 426 1/2, buyers at 427 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 3 1/2 and closed with sellers at 3 3/4 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 3 3/4 for Spot, U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 1/2 for Spot and closed with sellers at 5 9/16 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
Quiet. U. S. Dollars were a shade steadier.

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 for Cash and 1/23 1/2 for February/June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
A small transaction was reported at 23 3/4 for near. The market closed with sellers at 23 3/4 for Cash, buyers at 23 1/16 Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
426 1/2 sellers, buyers at 427.
SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling at 3 3/4 and U. S. Dollars at 5 9/16 both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 9 (Reuters)

Official T.T. Rates	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-7/16	0/3-33/64
New York	5-7/16	23-1/8
Japan	22-1/8	22-1/8
India	19	19
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	22-7/8	22-7/8

Sterling	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-1/2	0/3-33/64
Jan.	0/3-1/2	0/3-33/64
Feb.	0/3-31/64	0/3-1/2

U. S. Dollars
Spot 55-17/32 55-9/16
Jan. 5-17/32 5-9/16
Feb. 5-1/2 5-17/32
Market: Quiet but steady.
Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 am. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 23 1/2 per cent.

RUHR COAL PRODUCTION FALLING OFF

R.A.F. ACTIVITY MAIN CAUSE

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuters).—Coal production in the Ruhr district of Germany has seriously declined probably owing to R.A.F. activities, according to information reaching the Ministry of Economic Warfare.
One estimate puts the reduction as high as 40 per cent. compared with the pre war production.
On the whole, however, there is evidence that the coal production generally has been maintained but there is a considerable shortage of supplies to consumers owing to distribution difficulties.

FALL IN EXPORTS

R.A.F. interference with railway traffic and the shortage of railway wagons appear to be the main causes of the shortage.
There is also said to have been a considerable falling off of German coal exports to Italy and other countries.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

There is small business passing with Trams as the leader, otherwise the market is inclined to be dullish.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia, 5/6.
Union Ins., 400.
H.K. Fire Ins., 165.
Humphreys, 7/95.
Star Ferries, 3/1.
Yau-matli Ferries, 24/25.
Electric (N), 39/85.
Ropes, 88.
Entertainments, 7/.

Sellers

Trams, 17/50.
Lights X. Rts., 8/60.
Lights Rts., 1/05.
Watsons, 11/40.
Eibro Piling, 17/0.
Sales
Docks (N), 18.
Hotels, 33/50.
Trams, 17/85/90.
Lights Rts., 1/.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Jan. 9, 1941.

SALES

China Light Rts.	1,333	1,000
H.K. Docks (N)	50	1,000
Dairy Farms	100	19,10
H.K. Tramways	500	17,85
H.K. Lands	100	34,50
Union Ins.	6	410,00

3,459.
The total value is \$23,998.00.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Jan. 8 (Reuters).—1940 1941
Dec. 27-Jan. 3

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department)	25,518	25,536
Rupee Coin and Bullion in India	2,965	2,984
Gold Coin and Bullion in India	4,441	4,441
Securities (Indian Government)	4,961	4,961
Securities (British Government)	13,150	13,150
(Figures in Lakhs of Rupees).		

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan. 8 (Reuters).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Jan. 8 (Reuters).
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-08-0.

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Jan. 8 (Reuters).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS' SERVICE)

London, Jan. 8.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red, after 1952)	103 1/2
Defence Loan, 3 1/2	101 1/2
Antion-K'loon Rly. 5 1/2	13
Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5 1/2 Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5 1/2 Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2
Chinese 5 1/2 Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 8 1/2 Stkr. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5 1/2 Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5 1/2	17
Hukuang Rly. 5 1/2, 1911	15
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5 1/2, 1913	14
Shai-N'king Rly. 5 1/2	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 6 1/2 Stkr. Loan, 1924	31
Ger. 1 1/2 Intl. Loan, 1924	51
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	76 1/2
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.)	82
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	16 3/4
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2 1/2
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	15 1/2
Shai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15 1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	14 1/2
Great Western Rly.	35 1/2
National Bank of India	31 1/2
B.A. Tob. (bearer)	88 1/2
Union Rubber	32 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	9 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind	29 10 1/2
Whitely Steel	22
Woolworths	54 3/4
Marsman Investments	7 1/2
Western Holdings	10
Sub-Nigel	155
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	45
—bid.	—ex div

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuters).—Business in the Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly of a specialised character. Speculative buying and satisfactory progress of the war in the Middle East was responsible for a rise in Oils.

Broadening demand, especially from the Province, caused a sharp advance in Home Rails. Kaffirs, notably non-producers, advanced on Cape buying and elsewhere conditions were quiet though Industrials showed some firm spots. Wall Street was quiet and steady.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 8 (Reuters).
Silver—Market quiet. Business very small. In the afternoon, the market was very quiet.

Spot, 23-5/16d.
Forward, 23-1/4d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 8 (Reuters).
Market—Quiet but steady. Off-take 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-00
Jan. 22 Settlement 61-15
February 61-15

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 8 (Reuters).
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 2,258-3/4.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, 2,258-7/8.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS' SERVICE)

JANUARY 9, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 8	STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 8
Adams Express	7 1/2	Loew's Inc.	33 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	24 1/2	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allis Chalmers	36 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	32 1/2
Aluminium Ltd.	73 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	30 1/2
Amer. Can.	—	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	—	Montgomery Ward	39
Amer. & Foreign Power	013/16	M'tain City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pfd.	16 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	16 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	National Distillers	24
Amer. Radiator	7	National Lead	17 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7
Amer. Sugar Refining Co.	44 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	New York Central	14 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	16 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	3 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	74 1/2	N. American Aviation	16 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	North American Co.	17
Anaconda Copper	27 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	20 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	49 1/2
Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	18	Packard Motors	31
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pan-American Airways	15 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	92 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Jendix Aviation	35	Pennsylvania R.R. Coal	1 1/2
Jethlehem Steel	87 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2
Jiles & Co.	16 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	29
Jewell Airplane Co.	17 1/2	Pullman Inc.	26 1/2
Borz-Warner	20	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	24 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	44 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	5 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	34 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Caso, J.L.	57	Republic Aviation Corp.	5
Celanese	28	Republic Steel	2
Chesapeake & Ohio	42 1/2	Revere Corp.	10 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	—	Reynold Tobacco, "B"	33 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Safeway Stores	44 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30 1/2	Schenley Distillers	77 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	0 1/2	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2
Consolidated Edison	22 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2
Consolidated Oil	6 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	12 1/2
Continental Car	38 1/2	Southern Pacific	8 1/2
Continental Oil	—	Southern Rly. 5 1/2 pfd.	21 1/2
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	37
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	Standard Oil of California	36
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1940	Jan. 9, 1941	Change
High	132.80	132.80
Low	111.84	111.84
Dow Jones Averages	133.02	133.02
Industrials	133.74	133.74
Rails	24.39	24.39
Utilities	20.07	20.07
Bonds	91.04	91.04
Commodity Index	67.36	67.36
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YUNNAN-BURMA RLY. CONSTRUCTION

RANGOON, Jan. 9 (Reuters).—The construction of the western section of the Yunnan-Burma Railway will be accelerated shortly, according to information from Chungking received by local Chinese.

It is stated that a plan has been drawn up by the Ministry of Communication in Chungking and is under the consideration of the Executive Yuan.

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Australian Army Chief Says Singapore Vitally Important

"Australia considers Singapore a vital link in the Empire chain, and my visit here can be taken as an indication of the importance with which this area is regarded in the Commonwealth," declared Mr. Percy C. Spender, the Australian Minister for the Army, in an interview with the Malaya Tribune, on the eve of his return to Australia after a short visit to Singapore.

"Australia," he said, "is primarily a Pacific nation and is keeping the Pacific free from any disturbance, but Australian Government policy realises that in these days it is essential for a nation to be strongly armed."

"An army for home defence of 200,000 men has already been raised, while 130,000 men have been enlisted for service overseas in the A.I.F. Many of these are already serving either in the Middle East or Great Britain."

"The Empire Air Scheme, which is additional to Australia's own air strength, has already enlisted over 30,000 while the Navy has taken an active part in operations in various theatres of the War. By June, 1941 150,000 people will be employed in munitions production alone."

When asked what were the relations of Australia and the United States, Mr. Spender said that the U.S. sympathy for the cause of the Democracies had drawn these two Pacific nations much closer together, for it was realised in Australia that they had common interests and common ideals.

The appointment of an Australian Minister to Washington was an indication of the closeness of Australian-American relations. These two nations had a common interest in keeping the Pacific Ocean worthy of its name and in maintaining good relations with all Pacific countries.

"The Dutch in the East Indies are very close to us," said Mr. Spender, "and the very friendly relations which exist between our countries are deeply appreciated, while the appointment of Sir John Latham as Australian Minister to Tokyo is an example of our endeavours to remain good neighbours with Japan."

"There can never be any misapprehension as to where Australia stands," said Mr. Spender. "It is with the Empire all the time. We claim, and exercise as an equal partner the right to play a part in formulating Empire policy on matters in which we have a vital interest, but there can, on Empire matters be only one policy."

"Whatever the future may hold, Australians realise that as part of the Empire her destiny is inextricably bound up with it."

"We know that the road which inevitably will lead up to victory is a hard one but we are prepared to tread it. The British people, wherever they may be, are in this conflict in the one boat, and in that boat they will remain until the end."

"In conclusion" said Mr. Spender, "I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Civil Government of Malaya and the Heads of the Services for the cordial welcome and the hospitality which I have received since my arrival."

"I hope that my visit will have the effect of strengthening still further the close economic and other ties which have already become so important since the commencement of this war."

ASSAM GIFT FOR BOMBERS

LONDON, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—Assam, which has already contributed enough to the R.A.F. for four fighters, has now sent £20,000 for bombers.

In addition, £900 has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund for air raid victims and a further £500 is to be distributed among the British Red Cross and the several funds for the benefit of the armed forces.

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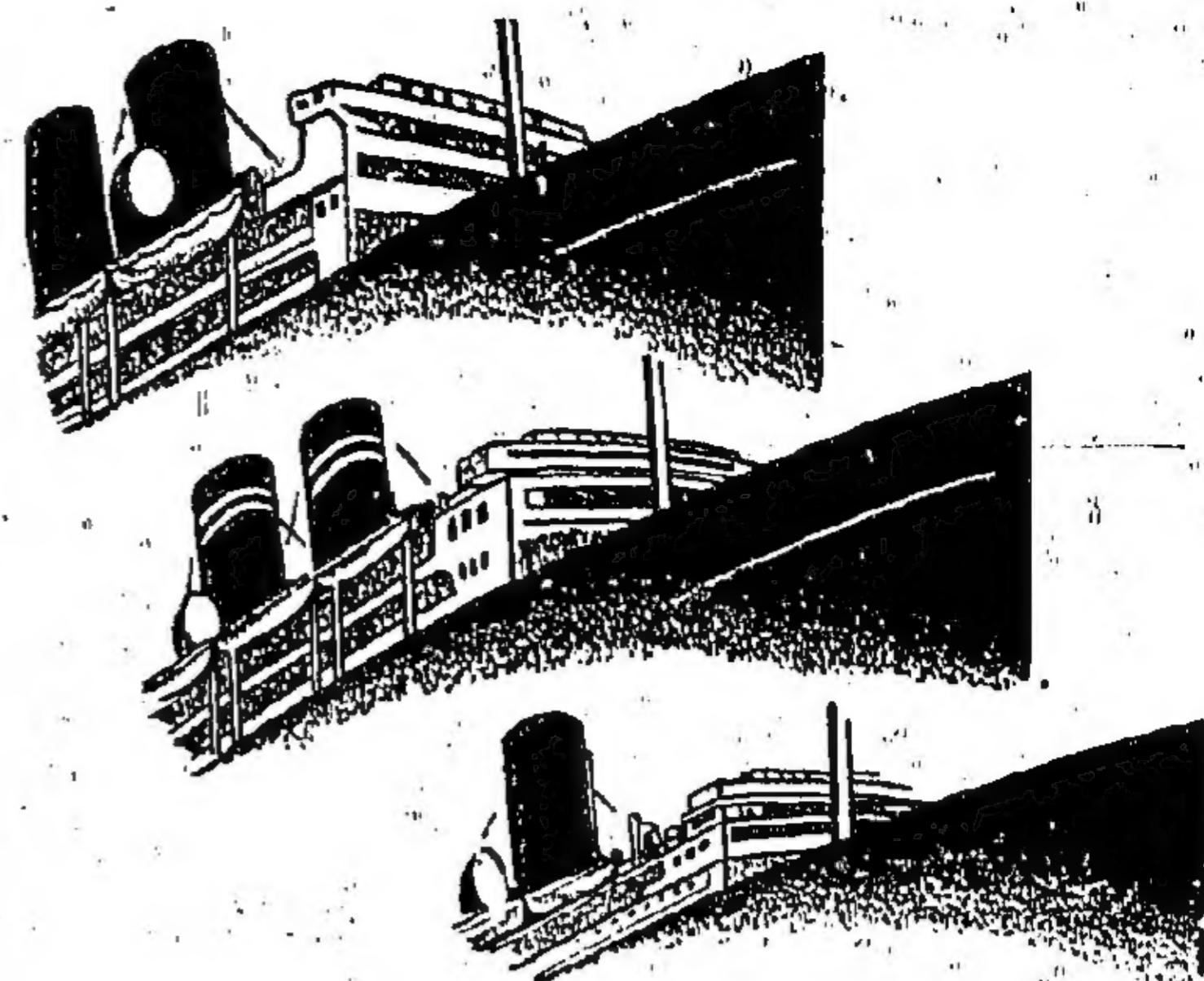
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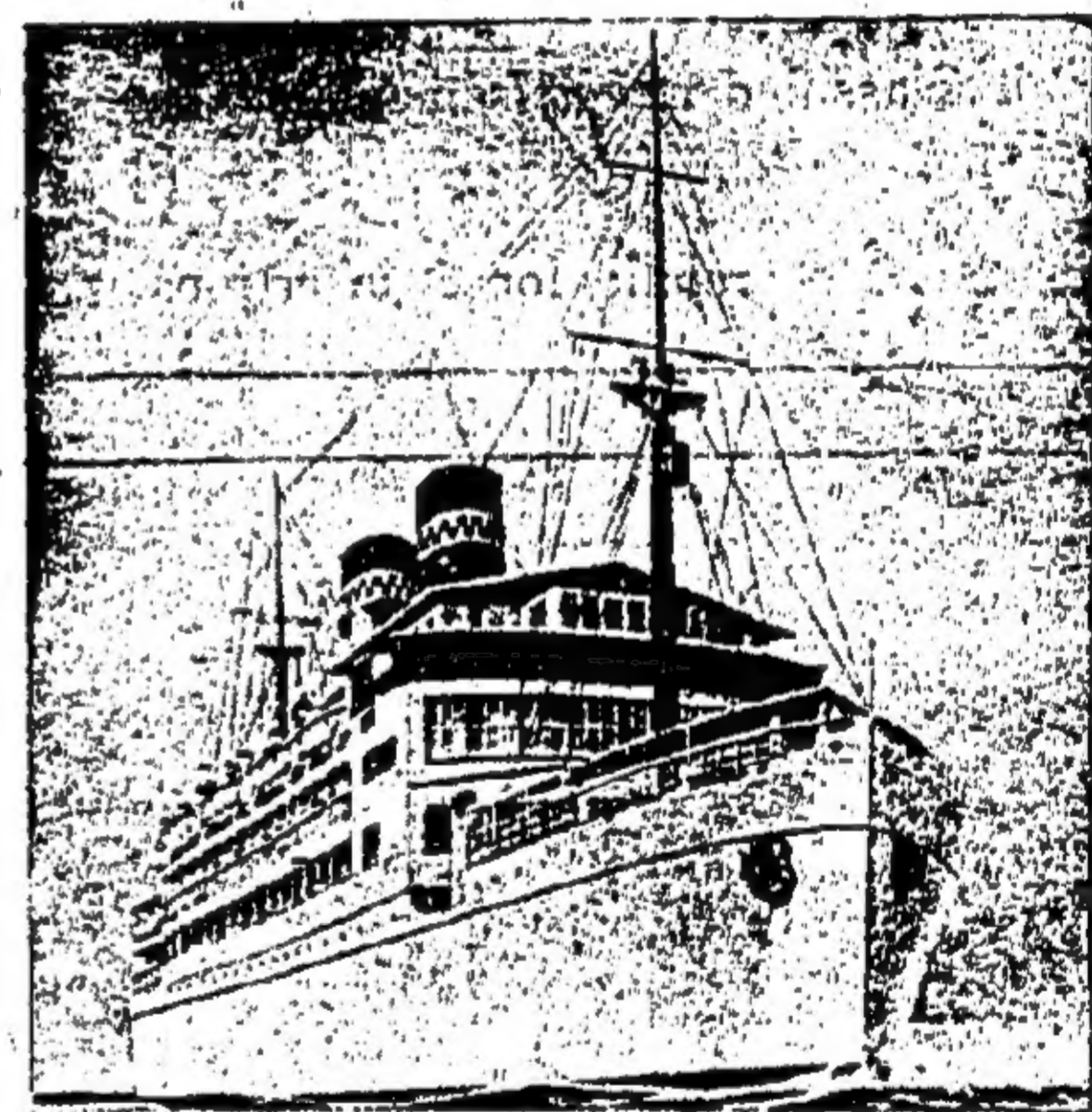
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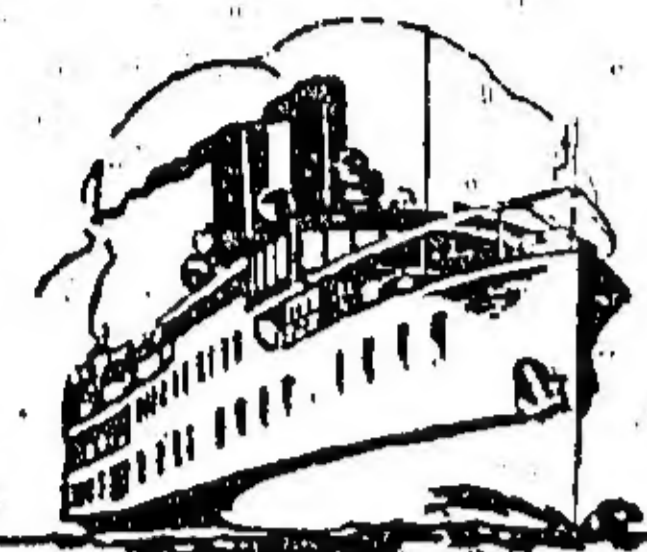
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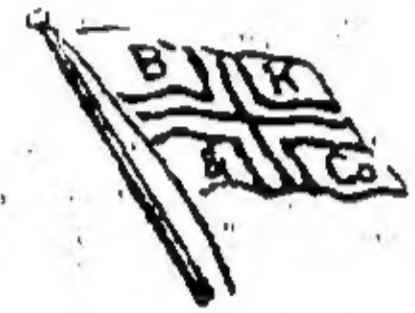
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Italian Air Operations Restricted

In East Africa, Italian operations have been restricted for some weeks, states a London message.

This may be explained by the fact that the main theatre of the African war is elsewhere. It is considered that the Air Force is facing such a shortage, that it cannot engage in full-scale operations.

According to the R.A.F. spokesman, the R.A.F. in the Middle East was growing stronger and reinforcements were falling in more rapidly than they did two months ago.

GROWING FAILURE

The story of the Italian air force in North Africa is one of growing failure, states a London message.

An air correspondent gives the reasons for this.

Firstly, the original total of Italian first line planes was reduced by 50 per cent.

Secondly, several advance bases were captured by British troops, and

Thirdly, a serious shortage of supplies, petrol particularly, created by the Royal Navy.

U.S. POINTING FINGER TO TOKYO

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (Reuter)—In an editorial on President Roosevelt's message to Congress, the A. M. Post declares that Congress certainly approve of the programme to manufacture arms for the democracies.

"When the United States assails aggression, she is pointing a finger to Tokyo as much as to Berlin and Rome. The editors of the army controlled Kokumin Shinbun should read President Roosevelt's message twice in view of their prophecy that Britain will be finished in autumn, then America's turn will come."

STABILISATION OF COMMODITY PRICES

CHUNGKING GOVT. MEASURES

CHUNGKING, Jan. 9 (Reuter)—Measures to stabilise commodity prices will continue to occupy the attention of the Government authorities here.

After discussion between the Municipal authorities and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, it has been decided that the local retail merchants will be entitled to a 20 per cent. profit, merchants importing goods from other points within the same province to 25 per cent., while merchants importing goods from points outside the province will be entitled to a 30 per cent.

FOOD PRICES

Food prices will be reduced by stages with the reduction of 15 per cent. in the first period, 20 per cent. in the second and 25 per cent. in the third.

The Government has announced that the registration of stocks and daily necessities, applies not only to Chungking, but throughout the country. The registration and disposal of surplus stocks must be completed before Jan. 26.

CHINESE TEACHERS TO BE LOCALLY TRAINED

As announced by both the British Resident and the State Treasurer at the State Council budget meeting, the Selangor Government is embarking, in the new year, on a scheme for the training of teachers for the Chinese vernacular schools.

The project is an extension of the existing free Chinese vernacular school run by the Selangor Government for primary class pupils in Kuala Lumpur.

"The intention is that instead of pupils leaving school after six years in the primary classes at the age of about 12 to 14, the Government will now provide a further six years' course," explained Mr. T. P. F. McNeice, M.C.S., Chief Inspector of Chinese Schools, F.M.S., in an interview with the MALAYA TRIBUNE.

"This course is a normal class course, and it is hoped that we shall turn out locally-trained tea-

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AFTER DUNKIRK

Comdr. Woodruff said that after what had happened at Dunkirk, when so much equipment had been lost, the workers of Britain felt disheartened, that such a great deal of the work done in the factories had been wasted.

"But they are now getting a run for their money again," continued the speaker. "In the services—the ships and regiments and in the air force each unit tries to do better than the other. That feeling is not confined to the services; it is found in the factories throughout this land."

"Where a factory has no particular rival in any particular line of manufacture, it tries to beat its own record for production."

MARCH JUNK ATTACK IS RECALLED

LI YAU, 32, fish buyer residing on board his junk, No. 1366A, has reported to the Police that at 10 a.m. on March 2, 1940, he was sailing off the Nine-Pins Group of Islands in an unknown Class IV boat when he was attacked by six men on a Hoko boat who fired several shots at him.

Four of the robbers boarded the boat and stole \$33 Hongkong currency, and a quantity of clothing and personal effects and two iron anchors to the total value of \$127 from his folks and himself.

After the robbery the complainant sailed his boat to Nam C. Chinese Territory, and did not return to the Colony till September, 1940. No report of the robbery was then made to the Police.

On Wednesday Li Yau was in Shaokwan when he recognised one of the alleged robbers who was arrested.

CHINA WAR:

SINO ARMS SCORE FIRST MAJOR VICTORY OF YEAR

MILO, Jan. 9 (Central)—The first major victory since the New Year was scored by the Chinese forces last week-end in the Hunan-Hupeh border regions following a severe battle centring around Yanglowze and Linsiang lasting one day and night. The Japanese there are reported to be now in full retreat to Yanglowze, Yutseh and other points, abandoning large numbers of wounded, quantities of military supplies, and important documents on the way. More than 300 bodies were also left behind.

The Japanese, comprising infantry, cavalry and artillery units, launched their multi-pronged drive on the Chinese at Huangchling, south of Yanglowze on Jan. 4. In support of the drive, Japanese forces in south Hupeh pushed

"I was struck by one thing when I visited one of these factories. And that is that they work with speed and without hurry—speed without haste is their watchword. That is the secret of the results our factories are getting."

SKILLED CRAFTSMEN

Each worker knows that on his accuracy depends the lives of hundreds of his countrymen. This factory had been bombed but there was no break in the steady rhythm of the workshops.

"There is something fascinating about the skilled craftsman on the job," said Comdr. Woodruff. "He makes it look so easy as each man knows instinctively what he has to do. As I went amongst these workers I realised how and why our equipment is so good. If their factory is actually hit by a bomb, production figures do not decrease—these men and women remain at their benches."

"The manager told me that when things get too hot, he has to order the workers down to their shelters. They are just ordinary men and women, but the whole life of these men and women has changed."

"They go to work at this season in the black-out and go home when the black-out is on again and there is no relaxation after work. It is a dreary life and it does not end in a week or a month. It goes on."

"All these men and women consider themselves in the front line as indeed they are. They are working of their own free will and choice. Day after day, week after week, months after month—and they continue to work as free men and not as slaves."

AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS

MELBOURNE, Jan. 9 (Reuter)—Australia is to form an armoured corps which will include an armoured corps of the A.E.F. The Commonwealth War Cabinet, announcing this decision, stated that tanks and other equipment, which will cost millions of pounds, will be manufactured in Australia.

JAPAN-N.E. TRADE TALKS

BATAVIA, Jan. 9 (Reuter)—Trade talks between Japanese and Netherlands East Indies delegates are expected to commence next week, the Japanese delegates having completed a draft agenda for the proposed conference.

It is expected that the Japanese will submit the agenda to the Netherlands delegates within a few days.

FOREIGN MAILS

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Swatow	12th Jan.
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Rabaul and Manila	18th Jan.
Java and Manila	18th Jan.
United-Kingdom and Straits	19th Jan.
Australia and Manila	20th Jan.
Australia and Manila	22nd Jan.
Sandakan	23rd Jan.
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Reg.	4.30 PM
Ord.	5.00 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Parcels only for Straits & Ceylon	5.00 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	5.30 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 13th
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Par. 11th 5.00 PM	
Reg. 11th 5.00 PM	
Ord. 12th 5.30 AM	
Manila, Rangoon, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	12th 8.30 AM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	12th 8.30 AM

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